



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



July 19, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Ten-Thirty in the Morning

**At these moments, we invite
you to stand in body or spirit*

*Please silence all electronic
devices prior to the service*

Nursery is available in the Children's area on the lower level.

Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Voluntary

"Jesu"

George Winston

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

*Hymn 634

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life,
you are not bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine.
We cannot predict your coming or going,
yet you have given us your story, your family, your work to do.
Meet us here.

Shape us for service in your world,
for we carry the name of Jesus
and live by the power of your breath. Amen.

Call to Confession

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but we have received a spirit of adoption.
Let us then confess our sin
with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God,
your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.
Life-giving God, wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, sacred siblings, hear the word of the Lord.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God says unequivocally, irrevocably:
you are my own;
you are forgiven;
and I need you to be about my business in the world.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn 586**

ALLELUIA 7

Alleluia...alleluia!

Message for Children

Following the children's sermon, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out for children's church. Nursery continues to be available starting at 10:15 AM until the conclusion of worship.

Leader: Now let us bless each other.
Adults: **God be with you as you go.**
Children: *God be with you as you stay.*

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal.
Move now in our hearts.
Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share,
the burdens we carry,
until we discover our purpose in your liberating love,
for we long to join creation's praise
and to shine with the mercy of the Christ,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading *"Jacob's Dream of the Ladder"* Genesis 28:10–19a

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p.

People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p.

Epistle Reading *"The Revealing of the Children of God"* Romans 8:12–25

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p.

People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p.

***Hymn 175** "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY

Gospel Reading *"The Parable of the Weeds"* Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, pp.

People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p.

"The Kingdom of Jesus " (by Jon Guerra and Isaac Wardell)

To what shall we compare the Kingdom of Jesus if not a seed?

It's small, it's sown, it's tended and grown

and it's sturdy in you and me.

Its branches never break, and its fruit never withers

His Kingdom is not of this world, nor of any,

A Kingdom whose ruler's face is on a penny.

He comes to make all things bright, put a new wine in us

He's chosen the small things to outlast the great,

The meek and the merciful to shine through the hate.

O, it seems some days that hell and its gates are prevailing.

O, say can you see the kingdom within us is the Kingdom of Jesus?

(O, say can't you see we have one allegiance:

it's to the Kingdom of Jesus)

To what shall we compare the spirit of the hour if not a sword?

It frees us, unites us, enslaves and divides us in violence, help us Lord

He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world.

He who is in us is greater and He's overcome the world.

O, His Kingdom is not one of slander or rage

but one that is ruled by the Lamb who was slain,

And He's worthy of wisdom and honor and glory and strength.

No pain, no division, no public disgrace will compare

with seeing the smile on His face

as He welcomes the poor as children with places at the table.

Neither death, nor threat, nor power can ever separate us

from the love of God forever in Christ Jesus.

Everything shall pass away but not the Word that's within us.

No, it's the Kingdom of Jesus.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed, p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Lord, God of Abraham"
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

***Doxology: Hymn 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**

God of mystery and grace,
you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise.
In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets.
As we bring these worn and freighted offerings,
we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus
and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

Minute for Mission: Esther Wakeman

***Hymn 771**

"What Is The World Like"

NEW WORLD

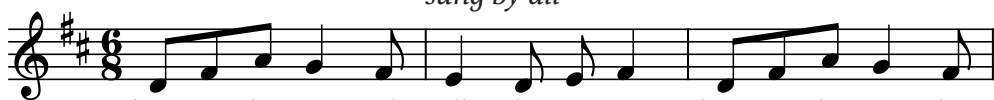
***Benediction**

Response

"Christ in the Eyes"

GREEN TYLER

sung by all



Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

The Cathedral Hour this morning is made possible through generous donations from members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church.

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given in memory of Cynthia Bartchy Hecht by her husband, Robert Hecht

Activities for the Week of July 19, 2026

Sunday, July 19, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM Mission Luncheon (Westminster Hall)

Monday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
6:00 PM Family Park Meet Up (Boettler Park)
6:00 PM Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Online)
8:00 AM Food and Clothing Ministry
5:30 PM The Reprise of Billy Joel and Elton John Fundraiser
(Westminster Hall)
8:00 PM Cluster Small Group Meeting (Offsite)

Thursday

6:30 PM Youth Bible Study (Offsite)

Sunday, July 26, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Daily Grace

Using the liturgy from this Sunday's Order of Worship,
we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week.

We worship together...separately.

Scripture Readings: Worship texts for July 26, 2026

Mon: Genesis 29:15-28	Thurs: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Tues: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Fri: Genesis 29:15-28
Wed: Romans 8:26-39	Sat: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

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