



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



Solomon Writing (1637–38)

Malnazar and Aghap'ir

created in the Armenian quarter of Isfahan, Persia

Getty Museum, MS Ludwig I 14, fol. 358v

July 26, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 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

"In Thee Is Gladness"

Dale Wood

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be God whose word gives hope
and shapes our dreams,

People: **whose love has conquered death.**

Leader: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

People: **who leads us into life.**

*Hymn 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

God, you have given us a dream of your world made whole,
a heavenly realm that is near in heart and close at hand,
and it is ours to choose each day.

May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love,
grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all. Amen.

Call to Confession

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Let us confess our sins to the One who
searches us and knows us.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

We confess that we have turned away from you
and have not lived with upright hearts.

Forgive us for failing to follow you.

Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 576

SINGAPURA

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

*Assurance of Pardon

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace,
for all things work together for good for those who love God.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word
gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth.
Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit,
that the mystery of your heavenly realm
is made evident here on earth. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading *"Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom"* 1 Kings 3:5–12

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 166–67

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 379

Epistle Reading *"God's Love in Christ Jesus"* Romans 8:26–39

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 919–20

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 192

***Hymn 771** *"What Is the World Like"* NEW WORLD

vs. 1 all • vs. 2 lower voices • vs. 3 all • vs. 4 upper voices • vs. 5 all

Gospel Reading *"Seeds, Yeast, and Treasures"* Matt. 13:31–33, 44–52

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 795

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 17–18

Sermon *"The Stories We Tell Ourselves"* Dawn Speakman

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

Instrumental Solo *"Sarabande"* from Suite No. 5 J.S. Bach

***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*)**

We dedicate our lives to you this day
and seal that promise by way of this offering.
We give out of the abundance of our hearts,
that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many.
Thank you for giving us grateful hearts
and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your realm. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 175**

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

***Benediction**

Response

“Christ in the Eyes”

GREEN TYLER

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.

Voluntary

CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

This morning, we welcome guest celebrants Dawn and Aaron Speakman.

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 Jim Doebriner by Judy Doebriner

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

Activities for the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday, July 26, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)

6:30 PM G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Offsite)

Wednesday

8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Online)

Thursday

6:30 PM Youth Bible Study (Offsite)

Sunday, August 2, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Christ Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Benjamin George

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