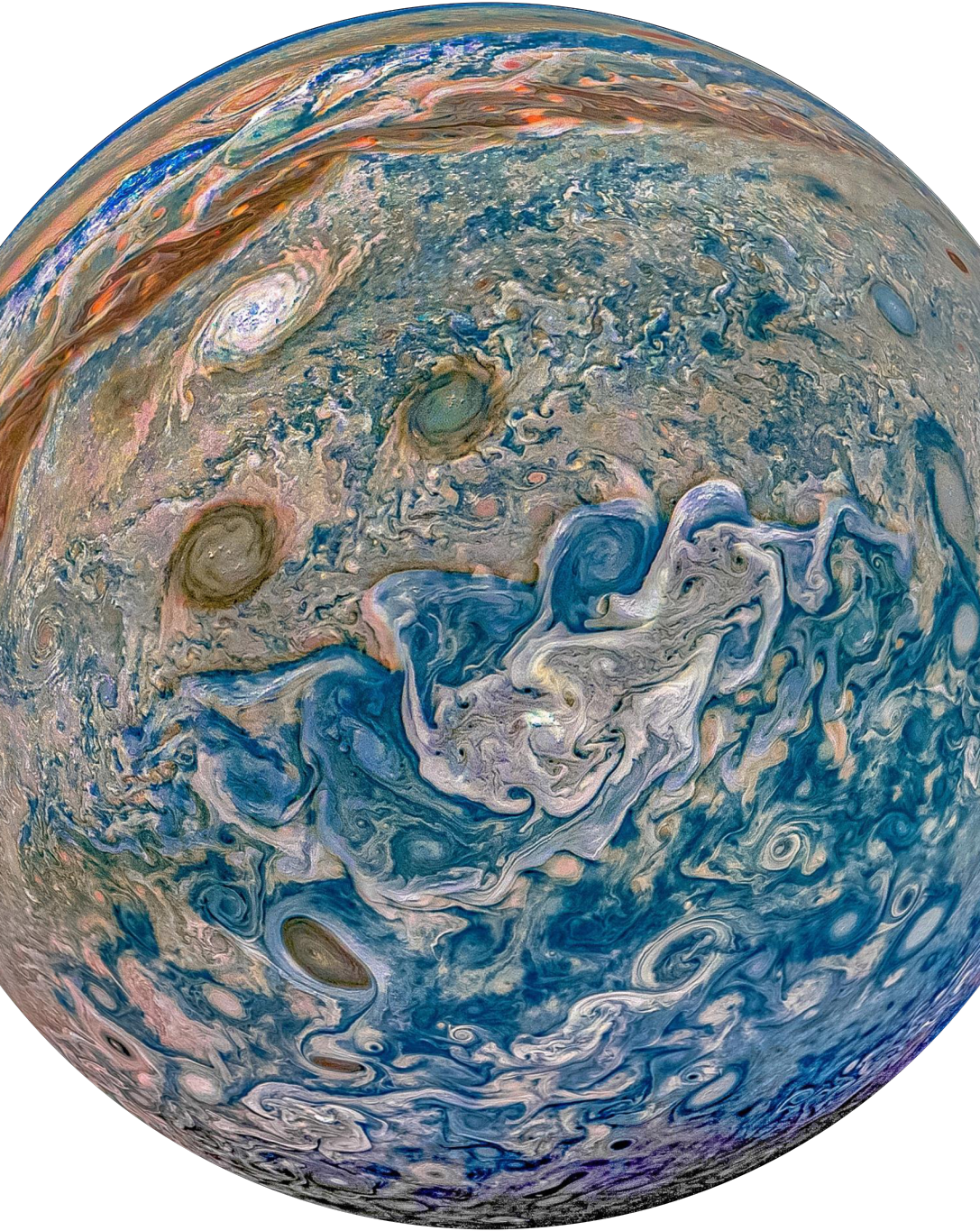




CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



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August 23, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 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

“Largo” from Double Violin Concerto
Britt Cooper, *piano*, and Heather Cooper, *organ*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

People: **Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

Leader: The good news is proclaimed in God's words,
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

People: **Let us worship together, every generation.**

Leader: We come together with different abilities and disabilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

People: **Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

Leader: All are welcome in the arms of Christ,
who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”

People: **Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.**

*Hymn 487

“These Treasured Children” PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world
around us, thank you for the privilege of education. You
have blessed our communities with teachers who take new
skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class
of young people.

People: **God who came as a child to show us how to be fully
human, to show us how to be children of God,**

Leader: You have given our children minds that grow and develop
in unique ways, at unique speeds, and we are astounded by
that miracle.

People: **You speak to us through the words, actions, play, and
feeling of children. You call us to listen to the Spirit
speaking through our young siblings in Christ.**

Leader: We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for
your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the
families who support them all.

People: **But in this celebration of education and learning, we do
not forget there are children and families who do not
have the resources they need. When systems are unjust,
the outcomes are unacceptable.**

- Leader: Today we remember those who are beginning school this year: those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities.
- People: **We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help,
we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.

Kyrie: Hymn 576

SINGAPURA

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If it had not been for God, who's got our back,
People: **we would now be lost.**
Leader: But it is God who's got our back.
People: **And so we are forgiven.**
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

***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

Gracious God, as we study, learn, and grow this season,
speak to us through your Word,
that we may be transformed, equipped, and sent out to serve.
Give us the courage of midwives past,
transform our minds to allow us to serve with our diverse gifts,
and grant us vision to declare Christ in our world.
Quiet our distractions, illuminate these scriptures by your Spirit,
and equip us to live out your truth today. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading	<i>"Birth and Youth of Moses"</i>	Exodus 1:8–2:10
Leader:	The Word of the Lord	Pew Bible, p. 43
People:	Thanks be to God	Large Print Bible, pp. 60–61

Epistle Reading	<i>"The New Life in Christ"</i>	Romans 12:1–8
Leader:	The Word of the Lord	Pew Bible, p. 922
People:	Thanks be to God	Large Print Bible, pp. 196–97

*Hymn 250	<i>"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"</i>	PROMISE
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Gospel Reading	<i>"Peter's Declaration about Jesus"</i>	Matthew 16:13–20
Leader:	The Gospel of the Lord	Pew Bible, p. 798
People:	Thanks be to God	Large Print Bible, pp. 22

Sermon	<i>"Love That Songs Cannot Repay"</i>	Hannah Miller <i>Director of Children's and Family Ministry</i>
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OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i> , p. 35
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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem	<i>"Psalm 150"</i>	Ned Rorem
	Jean Burnquist, <i>soprano</i>	

*Doxology: Hymn 606	OLD HUNDREDTH
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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*)**

Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile
and used him to lead your people to the promised land.
Take our offerings and use them for your people
in this land and throughout your world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

Minute for Mission: Courtney Wallace, Wakonda for All

*Hymn

“O God Beyond All Praising”

THAXTED



1. O_ God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day

2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;



for_ we can on - ly won - der at_ ev - ery gift you send,
and whe - ther our to - mor - rows be_ filled with good or ill,



at_ bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



We_ lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
To_ mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we_ hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*Benediction

Response

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.

Congregational Meeting

Activities for the Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday, August 23, 2026

- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Corn for a Cause, benefitting Simply Youth
- 4:00 PM Youth Bible Study (Offsite)

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)
- 8:00 AM Food and Clothing Ministry
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Online)
- 8:00 PM Cluster Small Group Meeting (Offsite)

Sunday, August 30, 2026

- 10:30 AM Joint Worship Service at **John Knox Presbyterian**
(5155 Eastlake St. NW; North Canton, OH 44720)
- 11:45 AM Joint Fellowship and Reception (John Knox)

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in memory of my husband, Steve,
by Cyndy Lucas.

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of our 70th wedding
anniversary by Don and Rhoda Hart

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