



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



Jonah Under the Gourd Vine (ca. 280–90 CE)
Anatolia, East Mediterranean (now part of Türkiye)
Cleveland Museum of Art, 1965.239

September 20, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 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

Variations on THAXTED

Tom Trenney

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

People: **God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

People: **God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

People: **God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

We praise God's name forever and ever!

***Hymn 81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)**

**Generous God, you come to us again and again,
no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives.**

**Calling to us, gathering us in,
you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace.
Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy
alongside others whom you also love.**

**We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives,
but also in the lives of other people,
even those we had not imagined would be included
in the kingdom you are bringing.**

**Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift
of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Because we do not always live our lives
in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,
we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings.
In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of abundant goodness,
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. *prayer continues*
We judge the efforts and motives of others**

while ignoring the faults of our own.
 Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us.
 Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty
 even in the presence of your generosity.
 Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you.
 May we ask once again for your mercy?
 Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another?
 We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved.
 Amen.

Kyrie

Fedak

choir all
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 choir all
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 choir
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 all
 Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving,
 grace beyond our ability to earn it.
 People: **God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ;**
therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!

*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

Schweizer

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
 peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, Al -
 migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, We
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er;
 re - ceive our prayer. For
 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er;
 re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er.
 A - - - men.

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, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking.

Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing.

In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading “God’s Concern for Ninevah” Jonah 3:10–4:11
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 753
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, pp. 1054–55

Epistle Reading “Standing Firm in the Gospel” Philippians 1:21–30
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 953–54
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p. 240

***Hymn 402** “How Lovely, Lord” MERLE’S TUNE

Gospel Reading “The Parable of the Vineyard Workers” Matthew 20:1–16
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 801
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p. 26

Sermon “Why You Mad?” Dr. Asa Lee

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

Anthem “Jesus Loves Me” John Ferguson
please see hymn 188 for the text of verses 1 & 2 of this anthem
Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, “Come with me abide.”

***Doxology** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia...alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**
God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those
whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do,
blessed to receive more than we will ever earn.
Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings,
and do what you choose with what already belongs to you.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 270** “O Lord, You Are My God and King” JERUSALEM
verse 1 and 3 only

***Benediction**
Response “Savior, When Your Love Shall Call Us” SICILIAN MARINERS

Voluntary “Gigue” Fugue, BWV 577 J.S. Bach

Activities for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday, September 20, 2026

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 AM	Youth Resound Rehearsal (Youth Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Rooms)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Mission Lunch: Shipley (Westminster Hall)
11:45 AM	Youth Fellowship Time

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
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Tuesday

9:30 AM	MUS 1821: Sacred Music (Parlor)
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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)

Thursday

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 AM	Youth Resound Rehearsal (Youth Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Rooms)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Children and Youth Music Retreat
11:45 AM	Safe Conduct Training (Westminster Hall)

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in memory of Clark Bailey and Rebecca (Bailey) Nowicki by The Bailey and Nowicki Families.

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