



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



October 4, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 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*

*The library on the main floor, just a few steps from the entrance to the sanctuary, has been
converted into a semi-private area for parents of small children. If your little one needs a
snack, a diaper change, or just a quiet space, this room is available to you.*

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary

"Come, Let Us Eat" (A VA DE)

Frank Ferko

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

People: **The skies proclaim God's handiwork.**

Leader: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,
the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

People: **Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!**

*Hymn 853

"We Are Marching"

SIYAHAMBA

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory!

You have set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy.

May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy
that we too radiate your glory throughout this day.

In the name of the Son of righteousness
who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us boldly confess our sin before the One
who already knows our errors
and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Rescuing God, you brought us

out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery.

Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery,
making divine the machine of production,
crafting idols from the excess of consumption.

Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand
that we do not rest and enjoy your presence,
defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love.

Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little
that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed,
without the cloak of productivity.

prayer continues

Forgive us when we deem our species so central
that we do not rest and halt consumption,
decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity.

Forgive us through Christ,
who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery
that we might enjoy your presence, creation,
and community. Amen.

Kyrie

THUMA MINA



*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith.

People: **Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord,
we are forgiven.**

*Passing of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Gloria: Hymn 585

MACHU-PICHU

sung responsively, led by choir

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, amen!

Anthem

“May the Love of the Lord”

Swee Hong Lim

Children’s Choir and Youth Resound

arr. Emily Lund

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God’s love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God’s countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God’s Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Message for Children

*Following the children’s sermon, children will return to sit with their families.
If you have a small child and need to step out for a moment for a snack or a diaper
change, we invite you to use the former library as a quiet space.*

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

God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul;
your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes.
May your Spirit illumine this Word

prayer continues

that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading “*The Ten Commandments*” Ex. 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 58
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, pp. 82–83

Gospel Reading “*The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*” Matthew 21:33–46
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 803
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p. 29

Sermon “Sabbath Keeping” Rev. Benjamin George

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*, p. 34

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The bread used for Holy Communion is free of nuts, gluten, dairy, and preservatives. The cup contains unfermented grape juice. For persons having difficulty handling the communion elements, a small cup containing both the bread and juice is offered by the communion servers.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Hymn 528** “Come, Let Us Eat” A VA DE
follow the director, alternating choir and congregation

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you...
...singing the hymn of your unending praise

***Sanctus: Hymn 594** CUÉLLAR
refrain by all • verse by choir

Leader: You give us so much, gracious God...

...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: God the Alpha and Omega...

...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Music during Communion

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Jamaican
Children's Choir arr. John Leavitt

“Let Us Break Bread Together” Charles Callahan

Prayers of the People *and* The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem

“iPharadisi” South African, arr. B. Richmond

Chancel Choir, Youth Resound, and Children’s Choir

iPharadisi, ikhaya labafile *In paradise where all the dead are living*

Kulapho sophumla khona *May we one day join them all there*

*Doxology: Hymn 390

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR



Praise, praise, praise the Lord!_____



Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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*Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

As the bride offers all that she is

and all that she has to her bridegroom,

so we offer ourselves to you, our heavenly bridegroom.

May these offerings increase our joy

and reflect your glory. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church—Living Our Faith

*Hymn 311

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

TOKYO

*Benediction

Response

“May the Love of the Lord”

arr. Kienzle

Voluntary

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Vicki Collinsworth

Heather Cooper and Britt Cooper, *piano*

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

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Wilson H Rownd
by his wife Darlene Rownd

Activities for the Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • World Communion Sunday

- 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 Youth Fellowship Time

Monday

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Pastor’s Bible Study (Parlor)
- 11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Mission Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Online)
- 1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Taizé Worship (Chapel)
- 8:00 PM Camp Wakonda Board Meeting (Online)

Thursday

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

Saturday

- 8:00 AM Food Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, October 11, 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 Pastor Ben’s Sabbatical Show and Tell Luncheon

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