



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



October 11, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 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.

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

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary

"La Cathédrale Engloutie"
(*The Sunken Cathedral*)

Claude Debussy

Welcome and Worship Notes

Introit

"Bell Peal"
Youth Resound

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is good!

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

MARION

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

Ever-present God, you never leave us.

Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee,
and keep us seeking after that which is true,
that all may know that you are the Lord, our God,
a tenacious presence in whatever our reality.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Leader: We and our ancestors have sinned.
Our ancestors exchanged the glory of God
for the image of a golden calf.
They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt.

People: **While our means are different,
our compulsions are the same.
Let us confess our brokenness,
for God is merciful and just and will forgive us our sin.**

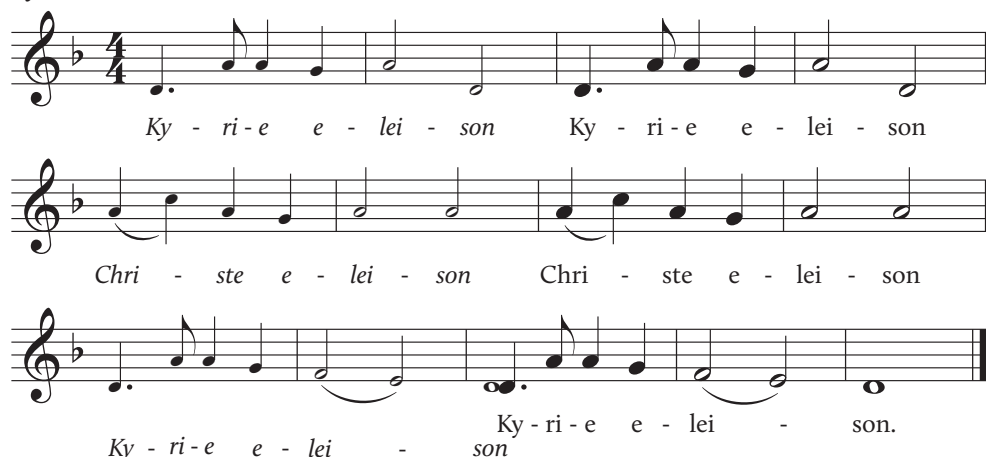
Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—
the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness.

Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—
 an answer to prayer not instantly given,
 a request for peace not immediately felt.
 Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—
 the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,
 the god of illusion, pursued in any form.
 Lord, have mercy on us,
 through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Bell



*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came
 to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God.

People: We are forgiven and freed!

*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!

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit of God,
 shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts
 that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading

"The Golden Calf"

Exodus 32:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 56

People: Thanks be to God

Large Print Bible, pp. 79-80

Epistle Reading

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Philippians 4:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 954

People: Thanks be to God

Large Print Bible, p. 240-41

Gospel Reading

"The Parable of the Unwelcome Guest"

Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Pew Bible, pp. 802-3

People: Thanks be to God

Large Print Bible, p. 28-29

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.

Leader: Now let us bless each other.

Adults: **God be with you as you go.**

Children: *God be with you as you stay.*

Hymn 414

"Be Still and Know"
follow the director

PSALM 46

Sermon

"Slowing"

Rev. Benjamin George

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

"Alleluia"

Randall Thompson

Alleluia...alleluia! Amen.

***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*)**

Creator God, you are our provider.

**We offer all that we have and all that we are to you,
because we belong to you.**

**Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church,
that through the work of your Spirit**

**we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat.**

Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 683**

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

COURTNEY

***Benediction**

Response

"God Be with You"

Vaughan Williams

Voluntary

Finale from Sonata no. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

Activities for the Week of October 11, 2026

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

Monday

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 PM G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Offsite)

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study: Deuteronomy (Parlor)
- 11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Property Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Personnel Meeting (Pine Room)

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Online)
- 8:00 AM Food and Clothing Ministry
- 3:30 PM Worship Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
- 8:00 PM Cluster Small Group (Offsite)

Thursday

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

Friday

- 6:30 PM Concert Series: Halloween **Spooktacular**

Sunday, October 18, 2026

- 9:00 AM Youth Kennywood Trip Departure
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various Rooms)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 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 October 18, 2026

Mon: Exodus 33:12-23

Thurs: Matthew 22:15-22

Tues: Psalm 99

Fri: Exodus 33:12-23

Wed: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sat: Psalm 99

The Cathedral Hour this morning is made possible
by the Louella Williams Endowment.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Earl McKimm
by his wife, Joyce McKimm.

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and *The Book of Common Worship*

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