



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W Canton, Ohio 44702

October 25, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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

“Highland Cathedral”
Brian McElhinney, *bagpipes*

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

People: In you, we come home—
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.

*Hymn 275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

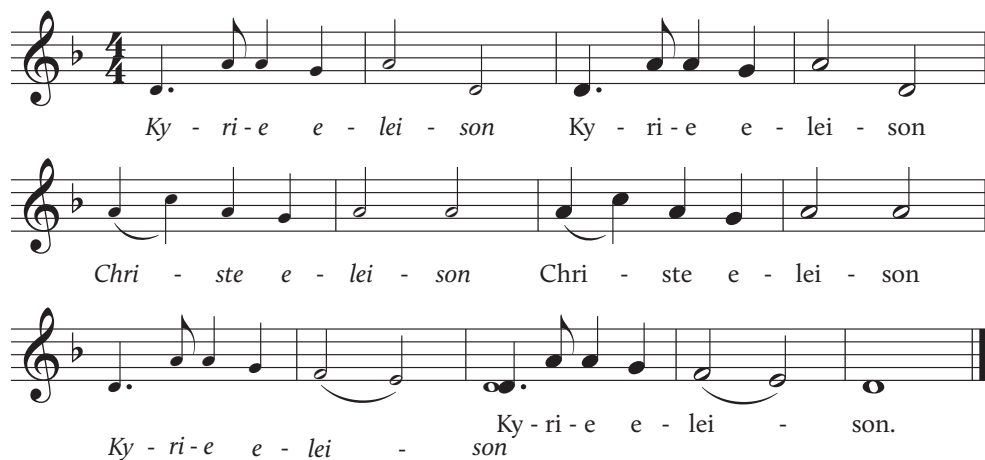
Loving God,
you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself.
Give us courage to be so open to others,
to let them become so dear to us,
that we might share not only your gospel but also our lives,
through Christ, who makes room for us all. Amen.

Call to Confession

Our spirits are like new grass: at the dawn they spring up fresh,
but by sunset they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death.
Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Lord, we confess:
we do not live as those worthy
to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;
we relate to others callously
as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,
using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.
Our motives are mixed, impure.
Lord, reassure and cleanse us,
in Jesus' name. Amen.



*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved ones,
believe again the gospel,
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven,
loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of 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

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.
Who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices.
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way.
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture
astonished and humbled all around you.
Send your Spirit to illumine this Word
that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading

"The Death of Moses"

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 168

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, pp. 239-40

Epistle Reading

"The Apostle's Concern"

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 959

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, p. 248

Gospel Reading

"Loving God and Neighbor"

Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 804

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, pp. 30-31

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

"Built on a Rock"
please see insert

KIRKEN DEN ER ET
GAMMELT HUIS

Sermon

"Simplicity"

Rev. Michael Wallace

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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J.S. Bach,
arr. Virgil Fox

Nun danket alle Gott	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>
mit Herzen, Mund, und Händen	<i>with hearts, mouth, and hands.</i>
Der große Dinge tut	<i>He does great things</i>
an uns und allen Enden.	<i>for us and all our purposes.</i>
Der Uns von Mutterleib	<i>He for us from our mother's womb</i>
und Kindesbeinen an	<i>and childish steps</i>
unzählig viel zugut	<i>countless great good</i>
bis hierher hat getan.	<i>has done and still continues to do.</i>

*Doxology: Hymn 643, vs. 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you.

May your favor be upon them

and prosper the labor of our hands,

that your glorious power may be manifest to all,

through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

*Hymn 35

"Praise Ye the Lord"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Benediction

Response

"Men and Women, Young and Old"

SALZBURG

*We welcome piper Brian McElhinney to the service today.
Following worship, all are invited to the courtyard to hear the bagpipes played.*

The Cathedral Hour this morning is made possible
by the George E. Wern Endowment.

- Christ Presbyterian Church**
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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word*
and *The Book of Common Worship*

Activities for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026 • Reformation Sunday

- 9:00 AM Youth Resound Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various Rooms)
- 9:30 AM Acolyte Training for New and Existing Acolytes
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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)

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 (Offsite)

Thursday

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

Sunday, November 1, 2026 • All Saints' Sunday

- 9:00 AM Youth Resound Rehearsal
- 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 November 1, 2026

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| Mon: Revelation 7:9-17 | Thurs: Matthew 5:1-12 |
| Tues: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 | Fri: Revelation 7:9-17 |
| Wed: 1 John 3:1-3 | Sat: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 |

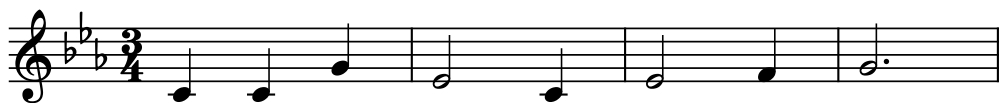
*Hymn

"Built on a Rock"

KIRKEN DEN ER ET

vs. 3 upper voices • vs. 4 lower voices

GAMMELT HUIS



1. Built on a rock the church shall stand,
2. Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands
3. Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones:
4. Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame,
5. Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord,



e - ven when stee - ples are fall - ing;
 God the Most High is not dwell - ing—
 we are his own hab - i - ta - tion;
 Je - sus the chil - dren is bless - ing;
 grant that, when church bells are ring - ing,



crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land,
 high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands,
 he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones,
 hith - er we come to praise his name,
 ma - ny may come to hear your Word,



bells still are chim - ing and call - ing—
 all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel - ling.
 grant - ing us life and sal - va - tion.
 faith in our Sav - ior con - fess - ing.
 who here this prom - ise is bring - ing:



call - ing the young and old to rest,
 Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 Where two or three will seek his face,
 Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent,
 "I know my own, my own know me;



call - ing the souls of those dis - tressed,
 deigns to a - bide with us in love,
 he in their midst will show his grae,
 mak - ing with us his cov - e - nant,
 you, not the world, my face shall see;



long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 my peace I leave with you. A - men."