

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
Niles, OH 44446
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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 13, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter this space as individuals, beloved of God.

We come as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, and leaders.

Each with your own gifts you are new creation here: The Body of Christ.

As the Body of Christ, we are transformed by love to be love for others.

The greatest way to live, mature in faith, is through love for God and others.

Then let us love! Let us worship the One who loves us. Let us love one another and transform the world!

OPENING HYMN 'Cleanse Me, O God'

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;

Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts I pray.

See if there be, some wicked way in me;

Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;

Fulfill Thy Word and make me pure within.

Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;

Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine;

Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.

Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;

I now surrender: Lord in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;

Send a revival, start the work in me.

Thy Word declares, Thou wilt supply our need;

For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 NT pgs. 174-175

HOMILY 'GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION' Rev. Ray Blasco

AT THE TABLE

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BLESSING OVER BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

We are going forward for communion. A piece of bread will be placed into your cupped hands then you will take a cup from the communion tray. If you prefer to receive your communion packaged, those too will be available when you go forward. If you are unable to come forward a deacon will bring communion to you.

DOXOLOGY 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' CH 46

PRAYERS OVER TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CLOSING HYMN 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' vs. 1-3 CH 86

v. 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;

thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Chorus: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided -

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

v. 2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(Chorus)**

v. 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Chorus)**

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BENEDICTION

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Go forth carrying the love of Christ, the essential component that makes those of faith into Christ followers. In love use the gifts with which you have been created to live out the still more excellent way of our Savior. As the Body of Christ, be one in love, that others may join the dance. Go forth, abiding in Christ, to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

WE WELCOME Rev. Ray Blasco who will offer this morning's message.

VBS WORK NIGHT will be held this Wednesday, July 16 from 6-8 p.m. in fellowship hall and will continue on the Wednesday evenings of July 23 and 30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 'Road Trip – On the Go with God' will be held here at First Christian **Sunday, August 3 through Thursday, August 7** from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Pre-K thru the completion of 6th grade. Dinner will be provided. Reservation forms are available in the narthex. **RSVP by July 21** to the church office (330-652-5839) or email Shelly Pressell: srpressell@gmail.com.

FOR OUR 10 A.M. SUMMER WORSHIP, activity bags are available on the front pew for children remaining in worship.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED in providing special music in the summer, please contact David Moore (330.646.9337).

BETHANY WV PILGRIMAGE – Saturday, August 23. A sign-up sheet is posted on the main bulletin board by the parlor for those who plan to go.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Contact Pastor Chris at 330.442.2558 so that our praises and prayer concerns might be held in prayer throughout the week.

CALENDAR

Sun.	10 a.m.	Worship Service
Wed.	6-8 p.m.	VBS Work Night – fellowship hall