

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

WE BEGIN OUR TIME TOGETHER

NEWS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad across in your row, recognizing and greeting members and guests. Include children/family elsewhere in the building.)

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

* CENTERING (Responsively)

Leader: Let us sing a hymn in unison,

People: For we are not many, but one!

Leader: Let us praise our God in harmony,

People: For we are not one, but many.

Leader: Members are we, one of another the body of Christ, the people of God.

People: Let our melody rise as if from one voice, while the chorus swells from each mouth of creation. (chaliceworship)

*PRAISE SONG

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'

vs. 1, 3, 5 CH p. 25

OPENING PRAYER

God of abundant grace: Grant to each of us a singing heart – a heart open and ready to join in your love song. Grant to each of us a dancing heart – willing to embrace all our many partners in your great dance of creation. Grant to each of us a laughing heart, that we might come into your holy presence with praise, thanksgiving, and joy. Amen. (chaliceworship)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE PRAY TOGETHER

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHOIR SELECTION 'Where Your Glory Dwells'

(Children ages 0-4 are dismissed after Choir Selection to the Preschool Room and Grades Kindergarten – 4 to go to Junior Worship. Please gather at the back of the sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7: 1-14

NT pgs. 6-7

MESSAGE

'FLAT TIRES AND FULFILLING FRIENDSHIPS'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table' CH p. 424

Elders Serving: Jenn Jornigan and Howard Gerke

COMING TO THE TABLE

(Please come forward from the center aisle and dip the bread into the cup. Those unable to come forward please stay seated and a deacon will bring the bread and cup to you.)

OFFERTORY MOMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS (Deacons will pass trays)

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS

WE DEPART TO SERVE

THE INVITATION

(All who will accept Christ as Lord of their lives and those who desire to transfer membership are invited to come forward at this time.)

HYMN OF INVITATION

'Open My Eyes, That I May See'

CH p. 586

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: Go now, remembering what we have done here.

People: Go now, remembering what God has done for us.

Leader: Go now, into the world where apathy and half-heartedness are dominant, where love too often is hard to find.

People: Go now, walking with each other and working with each other in the spirit of love.

Leader: Be awake, be alert, be alive to the needs around you and to the glory of God in Jesus Christ.

People: And may God's peace and joy be with us always.

CLOSING SONG

'Give Thanks'

CH p. 528

* Please stand if able

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are 'in honor of Joe Prox for our 54 wonderful years of marriage. I am so blessed. Love, Cherie'

We will receive our RECONCILIATION OFFERING today. This offering provides the primary support of Disciples' efforts to advocate for, educate about and organize to eradicate systemic racism and structural oppression within our ministries and institutions, as well as the communities and cultures that we serve. Special Day offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING following worship today, Board Room

CYF LUNCHEON following worship today, fellowship hall. Proceeds will go towards a mission trip being planned for next year. Please support our youth with this fundraiser!

MISSIONS LUNCHEON OCTOBER 8 -Missions is hosting a chicken finger/mac and cheese dinner October 8. Tickets are available to purchase **today** and **next Sun., October 1**.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY September 25, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

SERVING DINNER, MONTHLY, FOR THE YOUNGSTOWN FAMILY MISSION continues to be a successful project for First Christian. If you would like to help but are unable to serve, anyone can drop off a dessert or fresh fruit by 11am at the church the day we serve. Our friends at the mission really appreciate homemade cakes, pies, or cookies. Fresh fruit is something they can eat there or take with them for a snack. If you have been considering serving at the mission with us, contact Becky Carpenter. It's only 2 hours of your time and is very rewarding. A dinner will be served this Tuesday, September 26 from 5-7 p.m.

'HELP MOVE THE YOUNGSTOWN RESCUE MISSION' BAKE AND CRAFT SALE will take place **Sun. October 1** in the narthex during Sunday School and after church service hosted by Missions and Knotty Girls. All proceeds from both sales are going to the Youngstown Rescue Mission.

ELDERS MEETING October 1, following worship, library

DISCIPLES MEN October 1, 8 a.m., Perkins

CHI RHO YOUTH GROUP (grades 6-8) will meet October 1 following worship

BIBLE STUDY begins a new focus starting **Tues., October 3** at 7 pm. The curriculum will be emphasizing the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) history and policy. Join us!

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$1,808.00
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CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Official Board Meeting – board room CYF Luncheon – fellowship hall
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry – Trumbull County Jail
Tues.	5-7 p.m.	Youngstown Rescue Mission dinner served
Wed.	6-7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Disciples Men - Perkins
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting - library Chi Rho Meeting Craft and Bake Sale - narthex