

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

www.firstchristianniles.org

Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 28, 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.)

CHILD DEDICATION

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

* CENTERING (Responsively)

Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God.

People: We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven!

Leader: But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done.

People: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us.

Leader: Let's get to work!

People: Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise!

*PRAISE SONG

'Thine Is the Glory'

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OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. AMEN.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE PRAY TOGETHER

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

(For our 10 a.m. summer worship, children ages 0-4 are welcome in the Preschool Room. For those children remaining in worship, activity bags are available on the front pew.)

SCRIPTURE John 17: 1-11 (NT p. 111) and Acts 1: 6-14 (NT p. 118)

MESSAGE

'HAVE YOU FOUND JESUS?'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'Lo, I Am with You' vs. 1-4 CH p. 430

Elders Serving: Georgeanne Walters and Sandy Pressell

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

'Now the Green Blade Rises'

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LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: The power and love of Jesus Christ is with you.

People: We are sent forth to be Christ's witnesses in the world, bringing the good news, healing, establishing ministries of justice and peace.

Leader: Go in confidence and the power and love of God goes with you.

People: AMEN.

CLOSING SONG

'Let There Be Peace on Earth'

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* Please stand if able

FOR OUR 10 A.M. SUMMER WORSHIP, children ages 0-4 are welcome in the Preschool Room. For children remaining in the sanctuary, activity bags are available on the front pew.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE is collecting new underwear for K-12th grade. All donations will go to Niles Community Services.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED tomorrow, May 29, Memorial Day

RESCUE MISSION dinner served May 30, 5-7 p.m. by FCC volunteers. Desserts need to be to the church **before 11:30 a.m.** using buzzer and door closest to the library parking lot.

BIBLE STUDY May 30, 7 p.m., parlor

CHOIR POTLUCK DINNER Thurs., June 1, 6 p.m., parlor

SPECIAL MUSIC is being planned for the summer worship services. If anyone is interested in providing special music in the summer, please see David Moore.

ADULT CONFERENCE will be held June 19-23 at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Pastor Chris will lead the class 'Mindfulness in the Midst of Tumult'. The registration fee for the week is \$200, payable to Christian Church in Ohio. **Deadline is June 3.** For more info visit ccinoh.org.

DISCIPLES MEN June 4, 8 a.m., Perkins

ELDERS MEETING June 4, 11 a.m., library

CYF MEETING/LUNCH June 4, following worship, CYF Room

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$2,322.00

CALENDAR

Sun.	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	Worship Service
Mon.		Memorial Day – church offices closed
Tues.	5-7 p.m.	Youngstown Rescue Mission dinner served
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - parlor
Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Choir Potluck Dinner – parlor
Sat.	4-7 p.m.	Fellowship Hall in use
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Disciples Men - Perkins
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting – library
		CYF Meeting/Lunch – CYF Room
	June 4-10	Chi Rho Camp – Camp Christian