

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

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 21, 2018

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: Christ is calling you as disciples.

People: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

Leader: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

People: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

Leader: Listen for Christ's call to you.

People: We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN. (ministrymatters)

*PRAISE SONG 'Gather Us In' vs. 1, 3, 4 CH p. 284

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN. (ministrymatters)

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 'El Shaddai'

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

SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 14-20 NT p. 35

MESSAGE 'FISHING FOR FOLKS'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ' CH p. 422

Elders Serving: Dale Havaich and Marlene Garcar

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 'I Love to Tell the Story' CH p. 480

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: Go now, follow where Christ calls you and proclaim the message God gives you.

People: We wait in hope for God!

Leader: Avoid becoming bound up in the business of the world, but live in readiness for the inbreaking of the Kingdom. And may God be your haven and your glory;

People: May Christ Jesus give us courage for his mission;

Leader: And may the Spirit embrace your soul in God's silence. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

People: In the name of Christ. Amen. (laughingbird.net)

CLOSING SONG 'Let All Things Now Living' v. 1 CH p. 717

* Please stand if able

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING today following worship in the board room. All church boards, departments, circles and youth groups must have a financial report for July through December 2017 ready to present to the board.

2017 GIVING STATEMENTS – See Lynn Gombos to get your 2017 giving statement if you haven't already done so.

DISCIPLES MEN GROUP will host a **freewill breakfast** at noon in fellowship hall next Sunday, January 28.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY January 22, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

BIBLE STUDY January 23, 7 p.m., church parlor

COMMUNITY MEALS will be served by First Christian Church during February. Meals will be served on the Thursdays of February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Monetary donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled 'meals.'

PLEASE REMEMBER to keep your email addresses current with the church office so that we can communicate most effectively. Thank you.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$2,149.00

CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Official Board Meeting – board room
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – parlor
Wed.	6-7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Disciples Men's Freewill Breakfast