

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 19, 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: Worship our God in gladness, come before him with joy. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, with gratitude sing out God's praise.

People: The Lord of all, creator of the heavens and the earth, provides food for the hungry with mercy.

Leader: Praise the Creator who works great wonders, who enriches us from birth, who treats us with compassion.

People: How shall we thank God for our blessings?

Leader: Let us share our bread with the hungry; let us not turn away from the needy.

People: Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless, help those who have no help.

Leader: Sing a new song for the Lord. Where the faithful gather, let God be praised.

*PRAISE SONG 'For the Fruit of All Creation' CH p. 714

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, you have richly blessed this land with the bounteous goodness from your hand. Accept our gathering here as a gesture of unity and may our meeting result in the fullest expression of love between each other and all those in your creation. With gratitude we count and celebrate life's blessings. We rejoice in your everlasting love which draws us together despite cherished differences. Grant that we may draw together in praise and go forth with compassion to serve. 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

CHOIR SELECTION 'Come, Ye Thankful People'

(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 1 Corinthians 11: 17-26 NT p. 173

MESSAGE 'AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly' CH p. 419

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 'Let All Things Now Living' CH p. 717

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: May our Creator bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

People: May the eyes of our hearts be open to all the blessings which surround us; may this awareness produce a harvest of generosity in our spirits.

Leader: May thankfulness rise up within you. May your prayers reflect gratitude while acknowledging the needs of others whose situations are so drastically different.

People: May God look upon us, and may we look upon each other, with kindness and peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG 'Day by Day' CH p. 599

* Please stand if able

WE WILL RECEIVE OUR THANKSGIVING SPECIAL DAY OFFERING TODAY. Special offering envelopes are included in today's bulletin. Offering may be placed in offering tray or mailed to the church office. This special offering supports **OUR** Disciples colleges, universities, seminaries.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING today following worship, Board Room

CYF MEETING noon today, CYF Room

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at conclusion of worship **next Sunday, November 26** for approval of the slate of board members for 2018 and the church budget for 2018.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church office is closed this Thurs., Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24th.

OFFICE HOURS for Pastor Chris this week: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday. Pastor Chris's cell is 330.442.2558; email address is pastorchrisstark@gmail.com.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE is selling raffle tickets for baskets on display in narthex. Purchase your tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5.

LYDIA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS COOKIE ORDERS are due December 3rd. An order form is available on narthex table or see Martha Hellam or any Lydia Circle member with your order.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY November 20, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

NO BIBLE STUDY Nov. 21. Join us next Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 3, Katharine Johnson Vinciguerra from the Cleveland Christian Home will present information about the work and ministry of their organization. We are hoping to invite the congregations from our District to join in for this opportunity.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$2,818.75
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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 Meeting – CYF Room
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry
Wed.	6-7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thurs.		Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri.		Church Office closed
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	conclusion of worship	Congregational Meeting