

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 20, 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: From out of our silent depths into visible corporate acts,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Gathering the fragments of our church into a living icon of the redeeming, reconciling, prophetic Christ,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Bonding together the dissenter, the affirmer and the questor,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Radiating the power and the light of our rainbow-hued people,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Revealing your presence in and among each perceived or self-defined minority, wounded, lonely or angry,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Leader: Gathering the fragments of our church into dynamic communities of faith engaged in prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries of love,

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come! (chalicehymnal)

*PRAISE SONG

'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'

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OPENING PRAYER

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. We are thirsty for the living water you have promised to those who seek. We are eager to catch the Spirit, to be set on fire with confidence and trust to use the gifts you have given. Let Pentecost happen again in this gathering of your people. Inspire us to witness to your love and prophesy in your name. Give us courage to speak of your deeds of power, and to take the risks of daring discipleship. 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

'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'

(Grades Kindergarten through Grade 4 to go to Junior Worship. Please gather at the back of the sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-21

NT p. 119

MESSAGE

'HEARING THROUGH THE HULLABALOO'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

'One Bread, One Body'

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Elders Serving: Georgeanne Walters and Monica Lott

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

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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 'Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow' v. 1, 3 CH p. 236

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your love within us.

People: May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Leader: Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your peace within us.

People: May we breathe out and share it with the world.

Leader: Spirit of God, may we breathe in and hold your life within us.

People: May we breathe out and share it with the world.

CLOSING SONG

'Spirit of the Living God'

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* Please stand if able

2018 PENTECOST OFFERING - Our Pentecost Special Offering '*God's Abundance*' will be received today and next Sunday, May 27. Your gifts to Pentecost Special Offering support the New Church Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING following worship today, board room.

VBS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON TODAY – Join us for a hot potato and salad bar luncheon following worship, sponsored by Anna Circle, to benefit this year's Vacation Bible School.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 27. Worship service will be held at **10 a.m.** through Labor Day Sunday, September 2. There will be no church school classes and no Junior Worship. Families are invited to worship together. Preschool care will be provided in the preschool room for nursery through age 4. Activity bags will be available for children in worship.

NILES MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE will be held tomorrow, May 21 at 2 p.m. here at First Christian Church. A reception will follow.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY May 21, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

MISSIONS are collecting **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS** for River Gate High School in Warren. See listing of needed food items on the bulletin board by the parlor or pick up a flyer in the narthex. Missions will collect through next Sunday, May 27.

ADULT CONFERENCE will be held June 18-22 at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Pastor Chris will lead the class "*Resurrection and Restoration: How our concepts of new life change the way we worship and fellowship.*" The registration fee for the week is \$200, payable to Christian Church in Ohio. Part-time registration is also available. For more information, visit ccinoh.org. **Deadline to register is June 3rd.**

THE ELDERS MAKE MONTHLY CALLS taking communion to members who are unable to make it to church. Please let an elder or the church office know of anyone to be added to our list.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$1,742.75

CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Official Board Meeting – board room
		VBS Fundraiser Luncheon – fellowship hall
Mon.	2:00 p.m.	Niles McKinley High School Baccalaureate Service – First Christian Church
	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry – Trumbull County Jail
		Men's Golf
Tues.	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Niles Pageant Meet & Greet – fellowship hall
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Summer Schedule begins