

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 22, 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.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

* CENTERING (Responsively)

Leader: Gathered together in this community of faith, we are a focusing point in time for the worship of all God's children in earth and heaven.

People: Wherever we are gathered, in whatever numbers, small or great, we show forth life of the great church invisible.

Leader: As the redeemed of God, let us enter into the communion of the saints.

People: We offer our lives to God, forgetting ourselves in the great company of those who trust in God. (Chalice Worship)

*PRAISE SONG 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing' CH p. 5

OPENING PRAYER

O God, during these weeks when our congregation is preparing to make commitments of money, time, and other things to support our ministry for the coming year, we so easily limit our focus to our own institution. We break the bread and pass it only to ourselves. Through the singing, reading from the Bible, preaching, and the breaking of the bread, help us raise our line of sight beyond the walls, beyond the parking lot, beyond the county line, beyond the state border, beyond the amber waves of grain and purple mountains majesty, to the ends of the earth. One loaf, broken into many pieces, feeding many places, but serving one Realm.

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 'Wings of a Dove'

(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 Acts 2: 42-47 NT p. 120

MESSAGE 'A TABLE OF PROVISION'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'We Come as Guests Invited' CH p. 386

Elders Serving: Sandy Pressell and Jennifer Jornigan

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 'Tis the Gift to be Simple' (x 2) CH p. 568

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: O God, as you have brought us together to think the thoughts of Christ, send us forth to do the deeds that Christ blesses.

People: Let the affections of our hearts and the deeds of our hands proclaim our devotion to you and our love for one another.

Leader: May we share all things in common, and may the world be forever changed by it. Amen. (Chalice Worship)

CLOSING SONG 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds' CH p. 433

* Please stand if able

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - Join us next Sunday, October 29 following worship for an 'All Church Potluck Dinner' in fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.

COMMITMENT CARDS - Please return your commitment cards to the church office by next Sunday, October 29 with your commitments of time, talents and treasures for 2018. Members of Stewardship and Finance thank you for your consideration of the needs of First Christian Church and its many ministries.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED this Friday, October 27

MISSIONS IS COLLECTING hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for those in need. Donations may be placed in basket provided in narthex.

'MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY' - Drop off filled grocery bags to Niles Community Services, 401 Vienna Ave., this Sat., October 28, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thanks for helping meet the needs in our community.

DIST. IV MEN'S FALL RALLY Sunday, November 5 **here** at First Christian, from 3 to 6 p.m. **Reservations due by next Sun., Oct. 29. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the parlor.** Cost for the dinner is \$8. Menu is chicken and gravy, homemade noodles, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls and pumpkin pie.

COMMUNITY MEALS will be served by First Christian Church on the Thursdays of November 2, 9, 16 and 30. Monetary donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled 'meals.'

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY Oct. 23, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

A YOUNGSTOWN RESCUE MISSION DINNER will be served this Tues., October 24, 5-7 p.m. by FCC volunteers. When providing desserts for these dinners, please have items to the church **before 11:30 a.m.** using buzzer and door closest to the library parking lot.

BIBLE STUDY Oct. 24, 7 p.m., parlor

TMH PSYCH UNIT WORSHIP Oct. 29, 2 p.m.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$2,415.00

CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry
Tues.	5-7 p.m.	Youngstown Rescue Mission dinner served
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study - parlor
Wed.	6-7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Fri.		Church Office closed
Sat.	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	'Make a Difference Day' - grocery bags to NCS
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	All Church Potluck Dinner - fellowship hall
	2:00 p.m.	TMH Psych Unit Worship