

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

www.firstchristianniles.org

Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 12, 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: We are met in the presence of God

People: And we do not meet alone.

Leader: With the angels in highest heaven,

People: We gather to worship this present God.

Leader: With the saints of every age,

People: We gather to worship this present God.

Leader: With the church throughout the world,

People: We gather to worship this present God.

Leader: We are met in the presence of God

People: And we do not meet alone. (rexbunt)

*PRAISE SONG 'His Eye Is on the Sparrow' v. 1, 3 CH p. 82

OPENING PRAYER

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come, Creator, into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls to your eternal presence. May we abide in you. Amen. (chaliceworship)

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 nursery-4 are welcome in the Preschool Room. For those children remaining in worship, activity bags are available on the front pew.)

SPECIAL MUSIC Vacation Bible School songs

SCRIPTURE Romans 8: 26-39 NT pgs. 158-159

MESSAGE 'I'M ONLY ME, WITH YOU'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'Lo, I Am with You' v. 1, 2, 3 CH p. 430

Elders Serving: Jim Fisher and Dale Havaich

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 CH p. 47

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 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' CH p. 557

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: May the Lord, whose eternal presence surrounds us,

People: Bless us and keep us in all our ways.

Leader: May the Lord hear us in every time of need,

People: And watch over us and give us peace.

CLOSING SONG 'Clap Your Hands' CH p. 38

* Please stand if able

TMH PSYCH UNIT WORSHIP this afternoon, 1:30 p.m.

FILL THE TENT MISSION PROJECT FOR VBS. Bring in non-perishable and personal hygiene products for our local food pantries. We will collect donations through **next Sunday, August 19th**. Donations may be placed in tent in narthex.

WORSHIP IN WADDELL PARK next Sunday, August 19. Join us for worship at 11 a.m. at the large pavilion. Stay for fellowship, food and fun!

SCHOLARSHIP FORMS are available on the bulletin board by the main office for those heading to post high school education in an accredited institution. Applications must be filed each year (even if you have applied in previous years.) **Deadline is August 31 complete with proof of enrollment.**

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.

OHIO WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL RETREAT will be held one day on Saturday, September 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Camp Christian. Theme is ***'Blooming Where You're Planted'***. Registration deadline is August 31. For more info and to register, visit www.ccinoh.org.

OHIO DISCIPLES MEN FALL WORK RETREAT is Sat., September 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Christian for a Camp Work Day. Deadline to register is September 10. For more info and to register, visit www.ccinoh.org. A free will offering for Camp Christian debt reduction will be taken.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$4,506.00

CALENDAR

Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	1:30 p.m.	TMH Psych Unit Worship
Mon.		Men's Golf
Sun.	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	Worship in Waddell Park/picnic – large pavilion