

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

www.firstchristianniles.org

Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 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: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God

People: from generation to generation, we praise your holy name.

Leader: Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,

People: for we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed your goodness in our lives.

Leader: As you have opened your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing,

People: open our hearts so that we might share the gifts we have received from you.

Leader: Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

*PRAISE SONG 'They'll Know We Are Christians' v. 1, 3, 4 CH p. 494

OPENING PRAYER

God of all power and grace: we have often been overwhelmed by the indifference of the world and have let it discourage us from the work of disciple making and world transforming to which you've called us. Remind us once more of the victory of Christ and the victory available to us. As we commit ourselves again to your church, may we do so with the confidence of victors, knowing that in your love, grace, and compassion, you will have the last word. We pray this in the name of your Son, who bore our sins and who defeated our death. Amen. (umcdiscipleship.org)

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 'I'm Gonna Sing and Shout!'

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14: 7-15

NT p. 77

MESSAGE

'DISCIPLES ASSEMBLE!'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'These I Lay Down' CH p. 391

Elders Serving: Georgeanne Walters 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

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 'I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me' v. 1, 2, 4 CH p. 614

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: And now may the God of justice, who calls us to account for our lives and live into our commitment to serve,

People: And the God of compassion that forgives us and grants us the joy of grace,

Leader: Remind us of our superhero origin story that begins at the cross,

People: And call us to our responsibility to change the world.

CLOSING SONG

'Seek Ye First'

CH p. 354

* Please stand if able

THE 2 AND 3 YEAR OLD CLASS MISSION PROJECT is to buy **TURKEYS** for Niles Community Services. They will be collecting money after church today, next Sunday, October 28, and on Sunday, Nov. 4.

CYF MEETING following worship today, CYF Room

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS TODAY with your commitments of time, talents and treasures for 2019. Members of Stewardship and Finance thank you for your consideration of the needs of First Christian Church and its many ministries.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED this Friday, October 26.

DIST. IV MEN'S RALLY Sunday, Nov. 4, Champion Christian Church, 151 Center St. W. Registration begins at 3 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the main bulletin board for those who plan to attend. **Sign up by next Sunday, October 28.** Cost for dinner is \$9.

DESSERT AUCTION/POTLUCK Friday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m. A dessert signup sheet is posted on bulletin board by the parlor.

MISSIONS IS COLLECTING new and gently used hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens through November 4. Donations may be placed in the basket provided in the narthex.

A BOXED CEREAL DRIVE, sponsored by our CYF, will run through November. All cereal will be distributed through Niles Community Services. Cereal needs to be boxed (no bags). Cereal boxes may be placed in the main hallway by the parlor.

COMMUNITY MEALS will be served by First Christian during November on the Thursdays of November 1, 8, 15 and 29. Monetary donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled 'meals.'

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$2,698.00
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CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12 p.m.	CYF Meeting – CYF Room
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciples Women Jail Ministry
Wed.	6-7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Fri.		Church office closed
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	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service