

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 7, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, everyone! Whether your week has been a W or an L, God is glad you're here.

We come just as we are, trusting God's grace.

Sometimes life feels mid. Sometimes our faith gets tested.

But God is still cooking something good in us.

James says that endurance grows through challenges.

God isn't done with us yet.

Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

God is faithful, no cap.

So let's be quick to listen, open to God's Word, and ready to grow.

We have come to worship the One who takes our "Six" and leads us toward Divine "Seven."

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past' CH 67

- v. 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!
- v. 2 Under the shadow of thy throne
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
- v. 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.
- v. 4 A thousand ages in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- v. 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- v. 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE James 1: 1-22 NT pgs. 228-229

HOMILY 'SIX → SEVEN!'

AT THE TABLE

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BLESSING OVER BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

We are going forward for communion. A piece of bread will be placed into your cupped hands then you will take a cup from the communion tray. If you prefer to receive your communion packaged, those too will be available when you go forward. If you are unable to come forward a deacon will bring communion to you.

DOXOLOGY 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow' CH 46

PRAYERS OVER TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CLOSING 'Seek Ye First' CH 354

- v. 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!
- v. 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

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BENEDICTION

As you go into the week ahead, remember this: You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to pretend you've got main-character energy every day. God meets us in our "Six," our unfinished places, our struggles, our doubts, and our growing edges. And God keeps working until we are transformed toward "Seven." Toward wholeness, maturity, and the righteousness of redemption.

So when life feels chaotic, don't lose the plot. When faith gets tested, stay in the game. When God calls, trust the process. We're not cooked, take faith.

May the Creator guide you.

May Christ strengthen you.

May the Holy Spirit help you be doers of the Word.

Go in peace and remember: God is still cooking.

Amen.

WE WELCOME pianist Clay Colley again to this morning's worship service.

AN ELDERS MEETING will be held today following worship.

FOR OUR 10 A.M. SUMMER WORSHIP, activity bags are available on the front pew for children in worship.

THE ELDERS ARE HOSTING A CHURCH CLEANUP on Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th. Please plan to join us on either of those days if you are responsible for a room in the church, as a Sunday school teacher or representative of an organization. We will have youth available to carry any unneeded items down to Fellowship Hall; on Sunday, June 28th, we invite church members to visit Fellowship Hall and collect anything that is not supposed to be there. Unclaimed items in good condition will be put in our Rummage Sale.

We will be having a **RUMMAGE SALE** the second weekend in July. Starting at the end of June, please bring in any unwanted treasures that need a new home! More details are forthcoming.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 'Snowball Mountain Challenge' will be held here at First Christian Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Volunteer list to be posted soon.

LYDIA CIRCLE PICNIC will be held this Wednesday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in fellowship hall.

OHIO WOMEN'S MINISTRY (OWM) BLANKET MONTH is being observed during June. Blankets are among the most valuable resources Church World Service provides in an emergency. They can be used as makeshift tents, hammocks, or filled with belongings and carried following a disaster. Checks should be made out to **First Christian Church** and marked '**blankets**'.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Contact Pastor Chris at 330.442.2558 so that our praises and prayer concerns might be held in prayer throughout the week.

BUDGET RECEIPTS RECEIVED IN MAY:

\$12,281.40

CALENDAR

Sun.	8 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11 a.m.	Elders Meeting
June 7-13		Otter Camp – Camp Christian
Wed.	1 p.m.	Lydia Circle Picnic – fellowship hall