

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18, 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 people of impatient hungers.

People: We want to receive all good things immediately. We don't want to wait.

Leader: We are people who seek power and authority.

People: We want to be in control, not to be controlled.

Leader: We are people whose individual safety is of highest concern.

People: Protect and guide us.

Leader: Stop our greed and selfishness, O Lord. Help us to listen to your words of comfort and hope.

People: Open us up to all the wonders of your love. Heal our hardened hearts. Give us lives of loving service to others.

Amen. (ministrymatters.com)

*PRAISE SONG 'It is Well with My Soul' v. 1,3,4 CH p. 561

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we are so tempted by everything we see; the glitz and glitter of the world and the get-rich-quick schemes are placed before us. We believe that if we just have enough money, enough friends, enough power, enough safety we will be OK. Show us how foolish we are to place our hope and trust in these things. Give us hearts for loving service in which we will find our strength, our courage, our security, our home. AMEN. (ministrymatters.com)

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 'Don't Listen to the Hammer Ring'

(Children ages 0-4 are dismissed after the Choir Selection to the Preschool Room. Grades Kindergarten – 4 to go to Junior Worship. Please gather at the back of the sanctuary.)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 OT pgs. 2-3

MESSAGE '**LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN...**'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'In Remembrance of Me' CH p. 403

Elders Serving: Dennis Carpenter and Jim Fisher

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 'Here Am I' CH p. 654

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: Though we were condemned, we have found pardon.

People: Though death held dominion over our lives, God's grace and gift of righteousness now lives and reigns within us.

Leader: We are free. We are forgiven. We are alive in Christ!

People: Amen! (ministrymatters.com)

CLOSING SONG 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple' CH p. 568

* Please stand if able

WEEK OF COMPASSION - We will observe Week of Compassion today through next Sun., February 25. This is one way Disciples of Christ seek to meet the world's needs. Offering envelopes are enclosed in today's bulletin for your Week of Compassion Offering. Check out weekofcompassion.org to learn more.

'IT IS FINISHED' MEETING today following worship

STAFF RELATIONS MEETING following worship today

CYF MEETING today following worship, CYF Room

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY February 19, 6:45 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

BIBLE STUDY February 20, 7 p.m., parlor

COMMUNITY MEALS conclude this Thursday, February 22, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

DISCIPLES MEN SOUP/DESSERT LUNCHEON **next Sunday, February 25** following worship, fellowship hall. A free will offering will be accepted. Proceeds will go toward new flooring in the parlor.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED *'World Day of Prayer'* March 2, Warren Salvation Army. Registration begins at 10 a.m.; Program 11 a.m.; Lunch noon. Cost for lunch is \$6. For more info contact Georgeanne Walters at 330.652.0034.

DEACONS 'COINS FOR CAMP CHRISTIAN.' Cabins are available in the narthex. Money collected will go into the Camp Christian Scholarship Fund towards tuition for First Christian students eligible for summer camp. Filled boxes can be turned in to Deacons Chair Lynn Gombos or the church office.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$1,426.50

CALENDAR

Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Stewardship/Finance Meeting
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	'It Is Finished' Meeting
		Staff Relations Meeting
		CYF Meeting – CYF Room
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – parlor
Thurs.	4:45-5:45 p.m.	Community Meals
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Disciples Men Soup/Dessert Luncheon