

*FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

*(Disciples of Christ)*

*Niles, OH 44446*

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*Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister*

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10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

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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: There is no God like our God!

**People: Praise God's name forever!**

Leader: Come, listen to what God has in store.

**People: Praise God's name forever!**

Leader: Sing with joy, like a mother with a newborn baby.

**People: Praise God's name forever!**

Leader: Pray without pausing, like a father waiting for news of a loved one.

**People: Praise God's name forever!**

Leader: Bless God from sunup to sundown.

**People: Praise God's name forever!**

Leader: Bless the name of the Lord forever!

**People: Praise God's name forever!**

\*PRAISE SONG 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms' v. 1, 3 CH p. 560

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world. In your presence, may fear give way to hope, hate to love, exclusion to embrace. Amen.

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 'We Give Thanks'

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

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10: 10-25 NT pgs. 224-225

MESSAGE '**MUCH TO FEAR ABOUT NOTHING**'

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether' v. 1, 3 CH p. 392

Elders Serving: Jeff Jornigan and Tina 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 'Be Still, My Soul' v. 1, 3 CH p. 566

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: May the Holy One, Rock of our salvation, Everlasting Arms, bless us now and send us out into the world.

**People: For we are called to come together in faith to work for truth and justice in this world.**

Leader: As God loves you, carry that love out in the world in peace, hope, and faith.

**People: For in the loving embrace of God's presence, we have nothing to fear!**

CLOSING SONG 'God Be with You Till We Meet Again' v. 4 CH p. 434

\* Please stand if able

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GREETERS this morning are the Jornigan family.

**OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING** today following worship in the board room.

WE WILL RECEIVE OUR THANKSGIVING SPECIAL DAY OFFERING again today. Special offering envelopes are available in the narthex. This special offering supports **OUR** Disciples colleges, universities, and seminaries.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER/SHOW FUNDRAISER this afternoon at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each for dinner and show. This fundraiser is for UN Seminar attendees.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **next Sunday, November 25** at the conclusion of worship for approval of the slate of board members for 2019 and the church budget for 2019.

**LYDIA CIRCLE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE** is underway. See Martha Hellam or any Lydia Circle member to place your order. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 2. Cost is 2 dozen for \$9; 4 dozen for \$16 and 8 dozen for \$30. Cookies will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 16.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE will be selling raffle tickets for baskets next Sunday, November 25 and Sunday, December 2nd. Purchase your tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5.

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

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** The church office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 23.

CYF OUTING to **Akron Zoo Lights** this Saturday, November 24

THANK YOU to all who donated to our Christmas Tree Fund. It is 'all of us' who help to make our church a beautiful place to worship. Tom Appel, Worship Committee Chair

COMMUNITY MEALS conclude **next** Thursday, November 29 from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Monetary donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled 'meals.' We have received \$144 to date.

**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.

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$2,526.25
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**\*CALENDAR\***

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12 p.m.	Official Board Meeting – board room
	1 & 5 p.m.	Murder Mystery Dinner/Show – fellowship hall
Mon.	6:45 p.m.	Disciple Women's Jail Ministry
Thurs.		<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>
Fri.		Church Office closed
Sat.		CYF to Akron Zoo Lights
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