

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
Niles, OH 44446
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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:45 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 4, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The fires may burn and powers may rise,
but the Light shines brighter still.

A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

We stand together, fearless and faithful,
Like the three in the furnace, we hold fast
for our God is with us — even in the heart of the flames.
May the Fourth be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us worship the One
who delivers, who saves, and who calls us into the Light!

OPENING HYMN ‘How Majestic Is Your Name’ 2x CH 63

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name: Prince of Peace, Mighty God;
O Lord God Almighty.

(Repeat All Above)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM

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

SCRIPTURE Daniel 3: 14-28 OT pgs. 822-823

HOMILY **‘MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU’**

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 HYMN ‘I Am the Light of the World!’ vs. 1-4 CH 469

**Chorus: “I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!”
If you follow and love
you’ll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

- v. 1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the magi and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: **(repeat chorus)**
- v. 2 To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! **(repeat chorus)**
- v. 3 To free the pris'ner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations
with strength of good will,
to see God's children ev'rywhere! **(repeat chorus)**
- v. 4 To bring hope to ev'ry task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colors of the earth! **(repeat chorus)**

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BENEDICTION

Go forth into a world where fires still rage and shadows still fall,
but do not be afraid.
The Holy One who stood with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
stands with you still.
Carry the light of Christ into every dark place.
Hold fast to hope, even when the odds seem impossible.
Love boldly, resist evil, and trust that you are never alone.
May the Fourth be with you —
and even more, may the Spirit of the Living God sustain you,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

ELDERS MEETING following worship today.

VBS FUNDRAISER – Shelly Pressell is selling chocolate covered pretzels today and next Sunday, May 11. All proceeds will benefit this year's VBS.

DISTRICT 4 MEN'S RALLY will be held here at First Christian this afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome to join in for worship, fellowship, food, and information about our Region's "If Not Now, When, If Not You, Who?" Capital Campaign. Rev. Jim Bane will be presenting. The cost is \$10 per person.

AN OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 18 in the sanctuary following worship.

ALL DAUGHTERS BANQUET, sponsored by Ohio Women's Ministry, will be held Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. Meat will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring their place setting and a side dish to share.

NILES MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAURATE SERVICE will be held here at First Christian Church on Wednesday, May 14 at 2 p.m. Refreshments to follow service in fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY MEALS will be served this Thursday, May 8 and will continue on the Thursdays of May 15, 22 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.'

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 APRIL:

\$9,459.00

CALENDAR*

Sun.	8 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	4-6 p.m.	District 4 Men's Rally – fellowship hall
Mon.	6 p.m.	Scouts
Thurs.	4:45-6 p.m.	Community Meals
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal