

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

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 29, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you who dance with the Divine,
be drawn again into the encircling embrace of our Creator.

We come to be renewed:

in love that is genuine,

in hope that does not fade,

in peace that overcomes evil with good.

Gather, beloved community,
not as strangers or competitors,
but as members of one body.

All given purpose, each given grace.

We come to worship the One

whose very being is relationship:

Creator, Christ, and Spirit—three in holy unity,

drawing us into sacred connection with one another.

Let us offer our lives in worship,

as a living sacrifice of love.

May our worship be holy,

and our love be real.

OPENING HYMN 'Where the Spirit of the Lord Is' 2x CH 264

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.

There is comfort in life's darkest hour, there is light and life,
there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

Repeat all.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

SILENT PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 1-21 NT pgs. 161-162

HOMILY **'ENCIRCLING LOVE: ONE-ANOTHERING'**

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 'Take My Life" vs. 1, 2, 5, and 6 CH 609

v. 1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

v. 2 Take my hands, and let them move

- at the impulse of thy love.
 Take my feet, and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee,
 swift and beautiful for thee.
- v. 5 Take my will, and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.
- v. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.
- (Hymns used by permission CCLI License # 2841151)

BENEDICTION

Go now into the world,
 not as isolated souls,
 but as members of one body:
 interwoven, interdependent, encircled in love.
 Let your love be genuine.
 Rejoice with those who rejoice.
 Weep with those who weep.
 Overcome evil with good.
 And may the One who lives in eternal relationship,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
 form in you a holy community of compassion,
 until all the world reflects the dance of divine love.
Go in peace to love and to dance in love with one another. Amen.

AN OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING will be held **today** in the sanctuary following worship. Reminder that financial reports for January through June 2025 are to be submitted to the board at this meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 'Road Trip – On the Go with God' will be held here at First Christian Sunday, August 3 through Thursday, August 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Pre-K thru the completion of 6th grade. Dinner will be provided. Reservation forms are available in the narthex. RSVP by July 21 to the church office (330-652-5839) or email Shelly Pressell: srpressell@gmail.com.

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

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED in providing special music in the summer, please contact David Moore (330.646.9337).

MISSIONS IS COLLECTING socks and underwear for back-to- school for K through senior high again today. Donations may be placed in the basket provided in the narthex.

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**'. We have received \$165 to date.

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

CALENDAR

Sun.	10 a.m.	Worship Service
	11 a.m.	Official Board Meeting – sanctuary
Fri.		<i>Independence Day!</i>