

*FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

*(Disciples of Christ)*

*Niles, OH 44446*

*www.firstchristianniles.org*

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier, Minister

Terry Soroka, Music Director

**10:45 A.M.**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Piano Solo

Emily Wirtz

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

\* COMMUNITY ACCLAMATION (Responsively)

Leader: No matter who we are, no matter what comes our way, we have something to give, for we carry God in our hearts.

**People: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**

Leader: When storms arise, when wars take their toll, we are called to share the light of hope. Christ is present.

**People: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**

Leader: We have been blessed abundantly, so that we may share in every good work, in obedience to the gospel.

**People: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!**

\* SONGS

WE PRAY TOGETHER

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Holy God, We thank you for all of our blessings. Thank you for this day and for bringing us together here to listen for your word and to experience the presence of Christ. Open our hearts to your spirit, so that we might be filled with courage, generosity, and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHORAL SELECTION

"The Blessing"

SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 9: 9-15

NT pg. 184

MESSAGE

**"OPENING A DOOR ON THE DOORSTEPS OF THE WORLD"**

Rev. Mark Mills

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER AND OFFER OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP AND FOR OUR OFFERINGS

Elders serving: Jill Fowler and Georgeanne Walters

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.)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

(Offering trays are available at the side aisles as you return to your seats.)

LORD'S PRAYER (using **"forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."**)

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.)

LITANY OF BLESSING (Responsively)

Leader: Go forth now, secure in the knowledge that God has blessed us with an abundance of enough. We have the power to spread joy and thanksgiving everywhere we go, by sharing the gifts we have received.

**People: May Christ be present with us in every moment as we go in peace. Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

CH, p. 687

\* Please stand if able

TODAY'S MESSAGE is offered by Rev. Mark Mills as Rev. Cynthia is away.

We will receive our **WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING** today through next Sun., Feb. 26. Week of Compassion offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE** is sponsoring “**UNDIE**” **SUNDAYS** today and next Sun., Feb. 26. Please bring in baby diapers or any size new underwear for children and adults. All donations will go to Niles Community Services.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP** today following worship, parlor, hosted by Preparing Deacons

**NILES CHOIR FESTIVAL**, 3 p.m. today, Trinity Lutheran. Due to individuals’ commitments, our choir will not be participating this year.

**SERENITY WORKSHOP** 5:30 p.m. today, parlor

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE** at **11:30 a.m.** tomorrow, Feb. 20

**JAIL MINISTRY** Feb. 20, 6 p.m., Trumbull County Jail

**BIBLE STUDY** Feb. 21, 7 p.m., parlor

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** **Feb. 22**, 7 p.m. We will gather for reflection, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. This service is a good start to the Lenten journey. Please come!

**KNOTTY GIRLS QUILTING GROUP** Feb. 22, 9 a.m.-Noon, lower level

**COMMUNITY MEALS** conclude this Thurs., Feb. 23 from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in fellowship hall. General donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled ‘meals.’ Thank you.

**SHEPHERDS GATHERING** Feb. 26, 5:30 p.m., parlor. Shepherds are asked to bring a finger food to share.

**LAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE** **Sat., March 3**, 8:30 a.m. to noon at Warren Central Christian Church, 2051 E. Market St. A variety of workshops are available to choose from. Cost for the conference is \$10. **Please make checks payable to District IV Clergy.** Registration forms are available from the church office or the narthex table. Deadline for registration is Sun., Feb. 26 with our church office. This event is open to everyone. Rev. Cynthia would like a good representation from First Christian Niles!

**2011 YEARBOOKS** are available in the narthex. One to a family, please.

BUDGET NEEDS EACH WEEK ARE:	\$3,214.55
BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:	\$2,080.70

**\* CALENDAR \***

Sun.	12:00 p.m.	Cast Rehearsal / Sunday Fellowship – parlor
	3:00 p.m.	Niles Choir Festival – Trinity Lutheran Church
	5:30 p.m.	Serenity Workshop - parlor
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Jail Ministry – Trumbull Co. Jail
	6:30 p.m.	Church Bowling
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – parlor
Wed.	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Knotty Girls Quilting Group – lower level
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs.	4:45-6 p.m.	Community Meals
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Choir / Scouts Pack Meeting
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Jesus/Disciples Rehearsal
	12:00 p.m.	Cast Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	Shepherds’ Gathering - parlor