

Christ United Methodist Church
Portage, Ohio

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*In the beginning
God created
the heavens
and the earth.*

Genesis 1:1

Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

Christ Church Vision Statement:
CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE
COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Christ United Methodist Church
Portage, Ohio

January 8, 2012
Celebration of Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord

*Please stand

ENTRANCE

Gathering (come in and prepare to worship as you listen to the pre-service music)

Prelude

Linda Allen

Entrance of the Light and the Cross into our worship

May the light of this candle remind us of the possibility for everyone to achieve truth
and goodness in our lives, if we only seek it.

(written by BBullmer)

Sharing Announcements and Ministries

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are called to worship, not just by words spoken, but also by miracles recalled:

**P: Miracles like a baby's first cry, the petals of a rose, mist-covered hills, the restless tides of
the seas, human love, human hope.**

L: We respond with gratitude, with joy, with wonder, at life's boundless possibilities.

(Liturgy by GBMcKeeman)

***HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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***PRAYER of ADORATION and PRAISE** *(unison)*

Eternal God, reigning over the universe and in our hearts, we worship and praise you. Through you comes the energy by which the world was made – through you the darkness is overcome and the light shines. And yet, in the midst of your greatness, you chose to reveal your power and glory in, of all places, a stable and a newborn baby; in a pilgrim-packed river, through, of all people, an animal-skinned, locust-eating baptizer; and on a cross of wood, through, of all things, an agonizing crucifixion. Through all of these ways you have and continue to communicate the mystery and greatness of your love. We praise and adore you, O God, for revealing your love so fully for us in Jesus, and for renewing our lives with your Spirit. Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PROCLAMATION OF EPIPHANY

FIRST HEBREW TEXT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Page 654 (OT)

PSALTER

Psalms 72:1-14

#795

GOSPEL TEXT

Matthew 2:1-12

Pages 7-8(NT)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. McDaniel

(Children, ages Preschool through Third Grade, may go to Children's Church)

PROCLAMATION OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SECOND HEBREW TEXT

Genesis 1:1-5

Page 1 (OT)

PSALTER

Psalms 29 (response 2)

#761

GOSPEL TEXT

Mark 1:4-11

Page 37(NT)

SERMON

"Is This Too Revealing?"

Rev. McDaniel

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

SHARED PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Personal Prayer Time

Pastoral Prayer (Today it will be done in the petition and response mode, where the congregation will follow the prompting of the words, "Lord of Light" with the phrase, "Hear Our Prayer.")

INVITATION TO A TIME OF GIVING

Offertory with *Doxology

GOING FORTH

HYMN (Please remain seated)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

#480

BENEDICTION

May God's wisdom guide you wherever you walk in this world.

May God's wisdom encourage you in your daily work.

May God's wisdom work in you like yeast, and rise in you like hope!

May you taste and see God's goodness and

May God's wisdom be your delight now, this day, and for evermore.

(written by JSPickard)

Going Forth of the Light and the Cross into the world.

Prelude *(Please remain seated until the music has ended.)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE:

Pastor Rev. Bruce McDaniel

Organist..... Linda Allen

Pianist..... Kathy Bame

Choir Director..... Carla Rahrig

Liturgist.....

Acolyte.....

Greeters: North

East.....

Ushers.....

Children's Church

Crib Room

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Today.....	9:30 a.m.	Worship
.....	11:00a.m.	Sunday School
Monday, January 9.....	9:00 a.m.	Sermon Shaping & Reflections
Tuesday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
.....	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, January 11	NO UM WOMEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
Thursday, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Book Club, Grounds for Thought
.....	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENTS -- JANUARY 01, 2012 NO REPORT

General Fund	\$	Building.....	\$
Benevolences.....	\$	Parsonage	\$
Mustard Seed.....	\$	Bathrooms	\$
Hospitalization.....	\$	Air Conditioner	\$
Coffee/Outreach	\$		

Attendance – 44 Sunday School – no classes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you available after Worship service? Help is needed to take down the Christmas decorations. Thank you for your willingness to help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10: Trustees Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – 7:00 p.m.

January 11: **NO** United Methodist Women Meeting

January 26: Planning Meeting – 7:00 p.m. All Administrative Council members are urged to attend, but everyone is invited.

PORTAGE YOUTH OUTREACH

The Portage Youth Outreach will resume serving lunches following Worship January 15, 2012. Lunches will be set for a donation of \$7.00 per lunch; serving approximately 24. Currently, all funds raised will be used to further update the facility to meet the modern needs of today's congregations. Even if you are not interested in lunch, donations, in any amount, made to the Portage Youth Outreach will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

--Jeremiah

REQUESTS

1. Please remember to sign the attendance pad at the end of the pew.
2. Have you signed the Worship Participant sheet? There is a January sheet just waiting for volunteers to sign up.

Thank you.

Prayer Concerns

Don Allen	Ted Keys
Peggy, (Linda Allen's sister)	Darnelle Kirschner
Kay Amos	Johnny Komineck
Madelyn Amos	Virgil Krassow
Jim Beard	Roland Loose
David Boltz	Caroll and Joan Lovett
Jacob Boltz (Marines)	John McCormick
Megan Bowsher (MS)	Jim McDaniel
Beverly Brandeberry	Kathie Mears
Lynn Burkholder	Randy Miller
Megan Burkholder	Quentin Murphy
Brock Bushman	Phyllis Myers
Family of Robert Cornrad	Chuck Neal
Evelyn and Jack Current	Carl Newman
Brent Danniecke	Chris Paxton
Jacob Diegel	Julie Paxton
Kiki Diegel	Maria Bame Roberts
Pamela Diegel	Tom Roller
Family of Junior Frank	Bob Roth
Nancy Gillian	Mary Sautter
Carol Gonyer	Shannon
Beverly Haas ((RoxAnn Neifer's mother)	Sarah Simpson
Julian Hammer	Fern Sipe
Lydia Hammer	Mike Slowinski
Ruth Hammer (Kay Amos' aunt)	Neva Sposato
Linda Havener	Jim Strickland
Fred Holloway	Chaz Switzer
Max Holstein	Ernie Thacker and family
Art Iden, Jr.	Tom Williams
Aiden Jagers	Mike Winnick
Paul Jenkins	Harold Yoder
George (Tater) Jensen	Kyle York
Richard (cancer)	Mackenzie Zarecki
Katy (MS affecting her eyes)	Cindy Zwerlein
George, Jr. (tumor near brain stem)	All Service Men and Women
Judy	Our Nation and Its Leaders
John and Nathan	Those Suffering from Job Loss
Steve Keys	180th Squadron (Iraq)

Although names have been removed, please continue to prayer for those individuals.