



Sunday, November 17, 2024

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Elegy Harold Darke

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Children of God, when wars and rumors of wars
circle all around, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Liturgist

When earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, famines, and
floods produce chaos and destruction, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Liturgist

When misinformation and disinformation try to
dismantle relationships of trust in our families,
churches, cities, and nation, Jesus says:

Do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

Liturgist

Children of God, whatever leaves you feeling
unsteady, insecure, scared, and confused today -
do not be alarmed. This is not the end.

**We come to worship God who inscribes
our ending, our beginning,
and everything in-between in Love.
Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH #117

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**O God who loves us, hear our prayer.
So often we come to you at a loss -
at a loss for the right words,
the right deeds, the right feelings.
We know all is not right,
but we cannot say with certainty what is
wrong.
There are deep divisions between us and
others.
There are too many who live in poverty
and fear.
There are too many horrific stories,
and not enough hopeful ones.
So we pray to you,
our Creator and Redeemer,
to make things right,
and to make us right with you and each
other.
Turn us around from that which destroys
toward that which heals and brings joy.
AMEN.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Pastor

Let us go out into the world as people made new by
God.
AMEN!

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 2: 1 - 10

cont.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Peace Among Seldon, Arr. Kendrick
Earth's Peoples

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

UMH #94

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13: 1 - 8

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

And Are We Yet Alive UMH #553
vss. 1, 3, 6

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Good Church

THE CLOSING HYMN*

UMH #555

Forward Through the Ages

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE

John Rutter

Toccata in Seven

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

The Crossroads Choir

Beth Polen, *Liturgist & Director of Music Ministries*

William Kendrick
Guest Organist

Happy
Birthday

11/17 — Barbara Hegnauer
11/18 — Mike Lovette
11/23 — Adyn Ackerman

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Deadline: TODAY!

*It is time once again to bake cookies for the
North Canton Church of Christ
Community Thanksgiving Meal*

Last year, our bakers made 207 dozen cookies

*To help out this year, please use the signup sheet
at the back of the sanctuary*

**Bring your cookies next Sunday, November 24
(No icing, please!)**

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are now available for \$10

Order forms are located in the rear of the sanctuary

*Forms must be received by Wednesday, December 18
for publication in the Christmas Eve Bulletin*

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, November 30 - 8:00 am

Everyone in the church is invited to help!

ADVENT ORGAN VESPERS

Sunday, December 1 - 4:00 pm

*A quiet, prayerful candlelight Advent vespers service
featuring scripture, poems and other readings
interspersed with contemplative organ music
With Christopher Dazey at the organ*

NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS SHOP

Saturday, December 14

Community Christmas shop for 44703 residents

Toys (ages 2 - 14) and volunteers needed!

See Pastor Don to find out how you can help!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24

Our traditional candlelight service at 5:00 pm

Featuring the Camarada Brass

with our Christmas festival choir and organ

Music begins at 4:30 pm

****Help Spread Christmas Cheer****

Oatmeal Ministry Gift Bag

Our oatmeal ministry is collecting socks and candy

for their annual Christmas gift bag

Please have your donations in by December 15!

MUSICAL CROSSROADS ONLINE

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