



Church
of the
Lakes

Connecting all to Christ to become
healthy in God and courageous in love.

Connect with us:



THE **OVERCOMERS**

GOD'S VISION FOR YOU TO THRIVE
IN AN AGE OF ANXIETY AND OUTRAGE

Traditional Worship - October 4, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - David Morgan

Prelude *Psalm-Prelude (Psalm 34:6)* Herbert Howells
"This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
He saved him out of all his troubles."

***Call to Worship** Jane Frankeberger

Leader: People of God, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power!

People: Our strength and victory are found in Jesus Christ.

Leader: The battle is real, but our King has already overcome.

People: We will not live in fear, for Jesus Christ is victorious!

Leader: So let us stand firm in faith, fix our eyes on Jesus, and lift our voices to the One who reigns.

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! To Him be glory, honor, and praise forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *Like a River Glorious* #48

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Robby Strock 11:00 - Pastor Jared Priset

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem (11:00 only) *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus* Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir, Phil Lantry - piano, Kristen van Dyke - violin
Given for the Glory of God
by David and Erin Ash

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-18 pg. 951

Prayer for World Wide Communion

Almighty God, You have made us one in Jesus Christ. Though we gather across many nations, we are one body, worshiping one Lord. Strengthen Your Church throughout the world. Where there is division, bring unity. Where there is suffering, give courage. Where there is darkness, shine Your light. As we come to Your Table, remind us that our hope and victory are found in Jesus Christ alone. In His name, Amen.

***Response in Song** (11:00 only)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** (11:00 only)

***Hymn** (11:00 only)

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed (vs. 1 & 4)

#564

Scripture

Revelation 12:1-7

pg. 1007

Message

Your Enemy in Focus
The Overcomers

Pastor Jared Priset

Responding With Thanksgiving

World Wide Communion

Communion is open to all who hunger to receive the love and mercy of the Lord
For worldwide communion, we will all feast at the same time. Servers will distribute both the bread and the cups. It is easiest to pass the tray of cups to the person next to you and then take your cup, so your hands are not full. Please hold on to both bread and cup until all have been served. The pastor will instruct when we can partake of these elements together.
**Within each basket of bread, there are gluten free wafers in plastic sleeves.*

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

#93

***Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in A Minor

David Lasky

*Those who are able, please stand
Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

Altar Flowers: are given by Jim & Wrenn Nicodemo
in memory of Rex Honeycutt

Acolytes: Kasima Willey & Ben Ritzert

Contemporary Worship - October 4, 2026 - 9:30 am

Praise Songs

Battle Belongs
Come Alive (Dry Bones)

Welcome

Matt Ritzert

Worship Song & Offering

Monday Morning Faith

Prayer

Pastor Robby Strock

Scripture

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Closing Song

Jesus Paid it All

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: There is a spiritual battle beneath the battles we can see. We overcome by recognizing the enemy and standing in the victory Jesus has already won.

1. Recognize the real enemy.

“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood...” (Ephesians 6:12)

Different faces. Different moments. Same enemy.

People are not the enemy. People are the mission field.

Question: Am I fighting people when God is calling me to fight for them?

2. Recognize how the enemy fights.

The enemy works through temptation, accusation, deception, division, isolation, and fear.

We don't fight lies with feelings. We fight lies with truth.

Question: What lie of the enemy have I started believing?

3. Fight from Christ's victory.

“They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb...” — Revelation 12:11

The cross looked like Satan's victory. It became Satan's defeat.

We don't fight for victory. We fight from victory.

4. What “face” of the enemy am I contending with and what do I need to surrender to Jesus?

The battle is real. But Jesus Christ has already overcome.

Connect

Church Concert Series

The opening concert this fall for our Concert Series will be on **Sunday, October 25th**, 4:00 pm. We are pleased to welcome pianist Samuel Atkinson, whose program will feature works by Bach, Mozart, Pachelbel, Beethoven, Chopin, Scott Joplin, and Jerry Lee Lewis, along with sacred hymn arrangements and familiar favorites from Elton John and Billy Joel. Admission is free; a free will offering will support the concert series. All are warmly invited.

Holy Land Trip 2027 - Informational Meeting

Join Pastor Bryan and Amy George on a life-changing trip to the Holy Land, November 1st-10th, 2027. There will be moments of worship, devotion and fellowship that will make indelible marks on your journey with the Lord. Come to the informational meeting on **Sunday, November 8th**, 5:00 - 6:30 pm in room 206 where we will be answering questions and showing some pictures of the places that we will visit.

Serve

Soctoberfest

Stark Community Jaycees are collecting donations of new undergarments (socks, bras, pajamas, and underwear) during the month of October in the Church of the Lakes entryway. Donations will be distributed to local shelters and clothing closets. All sizes are requested.

Sierra Leone - Advocacy Sunday

On **Sunday, October 18th**, Helping Children Worldwide will be presenting a way that our congregation can help empower and enable the work of the Child Reintegration Center and other similar organizations in Sierra Leone. Our support will impact the lives of up to 250 children and the deeply impoverished and vulnerable adults who care for them. Regular monthly support of caseworkers helps with building systems of care that support entire villages and neighborhoods of families with children, eliminating the need for orphanages. Learn more during worship.

Trunk-n-Treat Volunteers

We will be holding this community outreach event on **Sunday, October 18th**, 2:30 - 4:00 pm in the church parking lot. There will be no indoor activities and if it is raining, the event will be canceled. To make this community event a success we need TRUNKS. Please consider volunteering to decorate your car trunk and hand out treats; it does not have to be elaborate. If you want to participate email Mardy DiGiacinto, mardy@churchofthelakes.org.

Faith in Action Blessing Bag Donations

Women at our Faith in Action event will be packing "Blessing Bags" for Total Living Center to hand out. Use the QR code to sign up to donate the items needed for the bags. Donated items can be given to Angela Fritz by *October 15th*.



Encouragers - Card Making Ministry

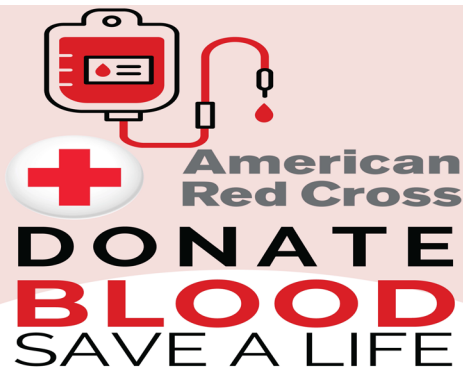
The Encouragers Card Making Ministry for GRACE6:8 will be meeting on **Saturday, October 10th**, 10:00 am in room 108. Supplies will be furnished and no skills are needed just a willingness to learn. If you wish to attend contact Rosemary Lare, bookstamp53@gmail.com.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the pews

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org



**OCTOBER 10, 2026
9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Church of the Lakes
5944 Fulton Dr NW

REGISTER NOW!

Sign up at redcrossblood.org
Use sponsor code 'churchofthelakes'

FAITH IN ACTION

SISTERS IN CHRIST SERVING TOGETHER FOR HIS KINGDOM

Join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and service
as we share the love of Jesus and serve together for His Kingdom.

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST** | **3:00 - 5:00 PM**

CHURCH OF THE LAKES - ACTIVITY CENTER

BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE, ALONG WITH A COPY OF
YOUR RECIPE TO ADD TO OUR COLLECTION OF FAVORITE TREATS.

Through simple, hands-on projects, we'll encourage these
ministries and help further their mission of sharing Christ's love.

Register at
churchofthelakes.org/event/faith-in-action

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Steve Nemeth, Deb Rupert, Wendy Lloyd, Rick Brown, Mark Harrison, Kathy Spanton, Sally Graven, Phyllis Bush, Cinda Hauf, and Michael Pryatel.

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.

Trunk & Treat

**Safe & FREE Trick or Treating
event for the community**
Sunday, October 18th
2:30 - 4:00 pm
Church of the Lakes
5944 Fulton Dr NW, Canton, OH 44718
Wear a family friendly costume
& invite a friend!

Church of the Lakes
330-499-8972
churchofthelakes.org

In case of rain, this event
will be cancelled.

Lil' Lambs Closet
TOY SALE

Saturday, November 7th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

5944 Fulton Dr NW
Canton OH 44718
(on the corner of Brunnerdale)



FIND GREAT DEALS:

Toys, Games, Movies, Books, Electronics, Ride-on Toys, Bikes,
Sports, Outdoor Toys, Play Furniture & Toy Storage, Costumes,
Arts & Crafts, Puzzles, Winter Snow Coats/Snow Boots, and more!

Register to consign or volunteer at
www.cotl-lillambscloset.com

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**30% of proceeds
go to children in need**

**We accept cash, VISA,
MasterCard, Discover &
check (with proper ID)**

**Carts are available
Please no strollers**