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Traditional Worship - November 15, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Cindy Baltzer

Prelude *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Raymond Haan

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Cyrilia Pratt 11:00 - Wrenn Nicodemo

Leader: Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.
People: Thanks be to God for the beauty and diversity of creation.
Leader: Thanks be to God for loving families and encouraging friends.
People: Thanks be to God for the variety of talents within the body of Christ.
All: With thankful hearts let us worship and praise the Lord our God!

***Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* #32

Children's Anthem (11:00 only) *Give Thanks* Susan Nipp
Cherub Choir, Devon Kirimi, director

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Jared Priset 11:00 - Pastor Nancy Conley

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 *One Day (When We All Get to Heaven)* Heather Sorensen
Sheri Grunwald, solo; Choir
Given in loving memory of her mother, Martha Thayer
by Sheri Grunwald

One day You'll make everything new, Jesus. One day You will bind every wound. The former things shall all pass away, no more tears. One day You'll make sense of it all, Jesus. One day every question resolved. Every anxious thought left behind, no more fear. When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be. When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory. One day we will see face to face, Jesus. Is there a greater vision of grace? And in a moment we shall be changed on that day. And one day we'll be free indeed, Jesus. One day all this struggle will cease and we will see Your glory revealed on that day. When we all get to heaven….

Scripture Reading Galatians 6:7-10 pg. 946

Prayer
Gracious Lord, you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will.

Offering our Gifts to God | *Victory in Jesus* | Tom Fettke
Women's Ensemble | Lyrics Hymn #119

***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) *Spirit Song*

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[Chorus]
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Good News Moment Financial Stewardship

Scripture 1 Peter 4:8-11 pg. 989

Message **Kingdom Gifts** Pastor Bryan George
Kingdom Stewardship

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn** *Forth in Thy Name* #685

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***Benediction**

Postlude *Laudate Dominum (O Praise Ye the Lord)* Charles Callahan

*Those who are able, please stand

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Sermon Outline

Focus: The Lord entrusts every believer with unique gifts meant to serve others and reflect His glory. Kingdom stewardship calls us to faithfully deploy what He's placed in us so His grace becomes visible through us.

I) A wasted Gift
- Emmanuel Clase traded an all-star career for a federal indictment

II) The **Sign** of Kingdom Gifts (vs. 8-9)
- *"love covers a multitude of sins"* A gift exercised without love won't reflect Jesus.
- When the pressure builds, Jesus followers love deeply and practice hospitality

III) The **Source** of Kingdom gifts (v. 10)
- *Stewards* not owners! You didn't earn or deserve the gifts given
  - Lincoln's proclamation: *"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven…we have grown in numbers, wealth and power… we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our heart, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."*
- *Each* of you has received
  - When you are in Christ, each given a specific capacity through which God works

IV) The **Point** of Kingdom Gifts (v. 11)
- Turning the spotlight *so that God may be glorified* rather than focused inward on self
- God supplies the strength for serving which liberates our need for approval.

V) Three Questions regarding our unique Kingdom Gifts
- What has God entrusted to me?
- Who needs the grace God wants to dispense through me?
- What is keeping me from making myself available?

Contemporary Worship - November 15, 2026 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs	*Build Your Kingdom Here* *Bless God*	
Welcome	9:30 - Matt Ritzert	Oasis - Julia Fabich
Worship Song & Offering	*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*	
Prayer		Tony Walsh
Good News Moment		Financial Stewardship
Baptism (9:30 only)		
Scripture	1 Peter 4:8-11	
Message	**Kingdom Gifts** Kingdom Stewardship	Pastor Jared Priset
Closing Song	*Be Thou My Vision*	

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Benediction

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Focus: God has entrusted every believer with gifts that are meant to serve others and reveal His grace. Kingdom stewardship calls us to faithfully use what He has given us so that others encounter Jesus and God receives the glory.

I. Kingdom Gifts Are Rooted in Kingdom Love (v. 8)
- A gift exercised without love may impress people, but it won't reflect the heart of Jesus.
- Christian hospitality means making room in our lives for others
- Kingdom gifts become powerful when Kingdom love is their motivation.

II. Kingdom Gifts Are Entrusted to Every Believer (v. 10)
- Every believer has received gifts intended to bless others.
- Different gifts reveal different expressions of God's grace.
- God has dispensed grace into us so that we might dispense grace into one another.
- The question isn't whether our gifts are impressive, but whether we're faithful.

III. Kingdom Gifts Must Be Exercised in Kingdom Strength (v. 11)
- Kingdom ministry cannot be sustained by human ability alone.
- We cannot dispense what we're unwilling to receive.
- The Holy Spirit doesn't simply give us gifts; He forms us into Christlike people who use them for God's glory.

IV. Three Questions
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Baptism
Today we celebrate the baptism of Sloane Macy McCree at the 9:30 service. Parents are Colin & Katherine (Zito) McCree.

Commitment Covenant
We will be collecting Commitment Covenants at the end of each service through *November 22nd*. You can also complete it on our website (using the QR code).
Printed copies of the commitment covenants are available at the connect center.
All members and regular attenders are encouraged to complete a commitment covenant in order to help the church plan for the coming year.

Charge Conference
The Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Monday, November 23rd**, 6:30 pm in room 206. The purpose of the Charge Conference is to review committee nominations, membership rolls and clergy salaries. All church members are welcome to attend.

Explore

Concert Series
Join us NEXT **Sunday, November 22nd**, 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary for Dean Wagner on the organ. Dean will present a dynamic organ program with the console brought out into the center of the sanctuary so the audience can see the artistry up close. The program features works by J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, de Grigny, Albright, and Guilmant, showcasing the organ's expressive range — including a piece written for the feet alone.

Serve

Adopt-a-Child
We are participating in both Project KARE and Grace 6:8 to adopt children served by our Church Foster families and Stark County Children Services. To donate gifts for a child, visit the table in the entryway on **Sunday, November 22nd** or contact Mardy, mardy@churchofthelakes.org. Wrapped and bagged/boxed gifts need to be returned on *Sunday, December 6th* by noon.

Hanging of the Greens
We will decorate God's house for the Advent/Christmas season on **Sunday, November 29th** after the 11:00 services. Meet in May Hall for pizza, chips and cookies then start decorating (there will be gluten free pizza). We have trees, wreaths, garland and nativities to set up. There will be an activity for children too young to help. Register on our website.

Christian Children's Home of Ohio
We are partnering with the Christian Children's Home of Ohio (CCHO) in Wooster. CCHO provides a safe and stable residential environment where abused, neglected and traumatized children (ages 6-18) find healing, discover hope and experience unconditional love. They have asked us to sponsor some gifts for their children to enjoy.
This year the Christmas gifts are centered around Bibles & relaxation (unwinding). In addition to the items listed below, donations above $75, and those not specifically designated will help support CCHO's equine therapy program.
$15 - Bibles; **$25** - Craft Supplies; **$50** - Music Equipment; **$75** - Outdoor Activities
To donate visit **churchofthelakes.breezechms.com/form/ccho322454**
Or write a check to Church of the Lakes, with CCHO in the memo.

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

ADVENT DEVOTION & STUDIES

The Wonder of It All

Daily Advent devotional inviting us to rediscover the wonder of Christ's coming.

Purchase in church office for $10

Optional small groups will begin November 19th see website for schedule & registration.

All Who Draw Near

Women's Advent Study

25-day Journey to Christmas focusing on the many journeys of the main characters of the Christmas story.

Purchase in church office for $17

Small groups will begin November 23rd see website for schedule & registration.

Begin readings the week prior to first class

Jesus in the Home

Family Movie Night



Registration required

Visit churchofthelakes.org/event/movie-night

$3 per person

DECEMBER 6 | 5:00 PM

CHURCH OF THE LAKES
ACTIVITY CENTER

Join us for dinner, crafts snacks, and the movie!

Bring camp chairs or blankets, and enjoy a magical evening together!

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You're invited to our

Thanksgiving Meal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026

12:00 PM

Church of the Lakes - Activity Center

FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Seating is limited and reservations are required.

To reserve your space call the church office, 330-499-8972 use the QR code or visit churchofthelakes.org/event/thanksgiving-meal

Celebrating together this Thanksgiving.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Heroes of the Christmas Story



Worship, crafts, Bible story & more

Wednesday, December 9th

Kindergarten - 6th graders

5:30-7:45 pm

Cost is only $5

Register at churchofthelakes.org

See you there!

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



Please pray for: Pam Harhager, and Rick Brown

Our condolences to the family of Linda Schmidt on her passing.

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