First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

CONSECRATION SUNDAY | 11/15/2026

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. John Schluep, Pastor Emeritus



IN PERSON | ONLINE WORSHIP: SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

"No Matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

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LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Organist: Nancy Lynn Robinson Liturgist: Tapanga Ross

As you enter the sanctuary please be silent for those who are in meditation. Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

The chimes call us to a time of worship.

Greeting Liturgist

Prelude "Alleluia" - W.A. Mozart
Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Introit

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Holy One,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: As we have gathered here to worship, let us stand and greet one another in the love of Christ.

*Gathering Song "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"



* indicates: please stand as you are able

*Call to Worship Liturgist

One: The world offers us "wisdom" about what is important.

All: We seek God's wisdom.

One: The world says bigger and wealthier is always better.

All: We want to invest in God's beloved community.

One: The world tries to seduce our hearts.

All: We offer our hearts to God.

*Opening Hymn "For the Fruit of All Creation" #723

*Opening Prayer

Holy One, sometimes our voices shake as we speak our truth. As we gather to worship you again today, may our hearts flutter with the sound of your truth. Protect us from the lies and deceptions of this world and connect us to the deep knowledge of your spirit. Inspire us to build up this community of the heart. Amen.

Anthem "Ain't-A That Good News"
- African American Spiritual/Leavitt
Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Children's Message Wendy Brown

Special Music "You'll Never Walk Alone"
- Rogers & Hammerstein
Piano Solo: Hope Mitchell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of the People

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

723 For the Fruit of All Creation



WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. Luther O. Emerson (1820-1915)

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HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

(red bible pg. 816, blue bible pg. 1773)

1 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming
the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I
decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him cruci-
fied. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.
4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words
of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that
your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom
of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we
speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the
ages for our glory 8 and which none of the rulers of this age understood,
for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as
it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"—

10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches ev-
erything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly
human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one compre-
hends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have re-
ceived not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that
we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak
of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by
the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. 14 Those
who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are
foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because
they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things,
and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation "What Gift Can We Bring" #685

Sermon "There Our Hearts Will Be: Trust Your Heart"

- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Invitation to Generosity

Moments of Silent Reflection

Bringing our Pledges Forward

Prayer of Consecration

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Day by Day" - Ahnfelt/Hughes

By Request Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

What Gift Can We Bring 685



WORDS and MUSIC: Jane Marshall (1924-)

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ANNIVERSARY SONG
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*Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance, as we bring our offerings to you, we want our hearts to be in the right place. Continue to draw us into all that you have prepared and help our hearts to rest in you. Use the blessings of this stewardship season to expand the hearts of all. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #712

*Benediction

*Congregation Response (sung or said)

"Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love."

Postlude "Song of Joy" - Christopher Boodle

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE



Tech Team: Scott Newcomer, Anne Pertick, Diana Fiocca
Liturgist: Taganga Ross

Ushers: Dave Marconi, Dan Thomas, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
Greeters: Dan Thomas

Today's altar flowers are provided by:

Joe Labay and Tom Labay
"In loving memory of our Mother"



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 22
after worship

Join your FCC family as we decorate for the holy seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany!

Advent Workshop
Sunday, November 29
during worship

Join us on Sunday, November 29, for a special, intergenerational Advent service centered on the theme "Witness to the Light." Through music, prayer, reflection, and hands-on activities, children, youth, and adults will work together to create Christmas gift bags filled with candles, treats, Scripture, prayers, and encouraging messages to share with neighbors, friends, homebound members, and others. Together, we'll celebrate Advent by not only waiting for Christ's light, but sharing that light with others!

Women's Fellowship
Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 3
12:00 PM

Register now to join us at The Venue for our annual Christmas luncheon - a joyful gathering filled with fellowship, holiday cheer, and wonderful memories. We're delighted that our own Dan Doty will sing Christmas music for us! It promises to be a beautiful and festive time together. Cost = $30 per person. RSVP by November 22nd. All men and women are warmly invited to this event!

Tallmadge Good Neighbors Christmas Giving

We are collecting gift cards for Tallmadge Good Neighbors again this Christmas holiday season. Gift cards can be donated during the month of November by putting them in the collection plate or dropping them off at the church office. Thank you in advance for caring about our neighbors who are less fortunate. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated.

GOING FORTH

712 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)
MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. Leland Sateren (1913-)

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THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723 .

Cindie Anderson
Margarete Boschert
Bruce Buchholtz
Jim Caplinger
Matthew Chapman
Jane Charles
Patty Conely
Jeffry Cotton
Betty Cottrill
Bob Davis
Rylin Davis and family
Ron Drake
Angela Bosic Encinas
Ron Evans
Darrell Goodson
Ann Hagan
Eleanor Hall
Sandy Hughes
Karen Huth
Jim Jackson
Nancy Johnson
Anita Kelly-Lahrmer
Joey and Mark Labay
Yvonne Larson
Bill Laymon
Roberta Lewis
Lt. John Norton
Donna Phillips
Bob Poff
Gary Rambler
Becky Rapini
Daniel Simmons
Ensign 5 Kaylie Spear
Lt. Maxwell Spear
Jeff Sullivan
Richard & Karen Thomason
Kim and Noel Walters
PO3 Kaitlyn Wetter
Don Woerz
Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group

Blessed be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm 66:20

Celebrate the Season with Rev. Dan's Holiday Concerts!

Handel's Messiah

Join the Warren Civic Orchestra and Chorus on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, 3020 Reeves Road NE, Warren, Ohio. Experience the beauty and inspiration of this beloved holiday masterpiece.

Holiday Pops

Enjoy an evening of festive favorites with the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chorus on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM at EJ Thomas Hall in Akron. This joyful concert is a wonderful way to celebrate the season through music.

Ann Hagan will be offering a carpool for those who would like to attend either concert. If you're interested in going, please sign up in the Atrium on Sundays. It's a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of music and fellowship together! We hope you'll join us in supporting Dan and sharing in the hope, peace, music, and joy of the holiday season.

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Join us for Worship
Sundays @ 10 AM

COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- 9:00 AM Executive Council
- 8:30 AM Deacon's Meeting
- 8:45 AM Prayer Chain Meeting
- 10:00 AM Worship/Consecration Sunday

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
- 12:30 PM Ladies Video Study
- 6:00 PM Heritage
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
- 6:00 PM Naranon
- 6:00 PM Cards

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
- 9:00 AM Quilters
- 10:00 AM Herald Angels
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
- 10:00 AM WW
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM WW
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
- 7:00 PM Cubs Movie Night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
- 7:30/9 AM WW

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
- 10:00 AM Worship/Thanksgiving
- 11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens
- 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship