NEW TO WORSHIPING WITH US

Visiting a new church for the first time can be somewhat intimidating. We hope to make the process more comfortable for you by sharing a little bit of information to help you prepare for your first visit.

OUR CHURCH

Christ Church United Church of Christ (UCC) worships in a historic stone church located in the heart of downtown Annville, Pennsylvania on South White Oak Street.

With magnificent stained glass windows, the people of Christ Church extend an invitation for you to worship with us. Whether you are in the area for a short time, or you are looking for a new church home, come and experience our hospitality. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

WORSHIP TIMES AND DRESS

The Worship service at Christ Church is at 9 a.m. Beginning five minutes before worship, the members of the church will offer announcements. The service is approximately 1 hour.

Dress on any given Sunday is "come as you are." Some choose to dress up, and others may come in more casual attire.

PARKING AND ENTERING THE BUILDING

We offer ample parking in front of the church on South White Oak Street and behind the church off of Poplar Street (See diagram). We have an elevator located at the South Entrance of the Church building (Red Arrow) which can be accessed from the front and rear parking areas and a ramp which is located North Entrance of the building (Green Arrow) for your convenience should you use a wheelchair or walker. Plenty of handicapped parking spaces are conveniently located close by. All doors to Christ Church are open - feel free to enter any of them. Just head straight toward the lettering leading the way to the sanctuary!



WORSHIP SERVICE

As you enter the sanctuary, a greeter will offer you a bulletin to assist you in engaging in our worship of God in Christ. Feel free to sit where ever you like!

Five minutes before the start of worship, one of the Pastors and church members will offer a few announcements, after which will be a call to worship and organ prelude. Your bulletin will help you follow along. Worship and music at Christ Church is generally traditional, though some contemporary musical offerings and elements are incorporated from time to time. Should you be visiting with us on a Communion Sunday, we offer our communion wafers and individually wrapped wafers are gluten-free. We also offer wine in the outer part of the plate with nonalcoholic grape juice in the center.

Hospitality bags are available for pick up for first time visitors. Please take one home with you and look over our newsletter, as well as other information about the United Church of Christ. Enjoy our gift of visiting Christ Church. If you wish to have someone follow up with you, you are encouraged to complete a Christ Church Visitor's Card and either drop it in the offering plate or in a basket by the door on your way out of the sanctuary.

CARE OF INFANTS

Nursery care is available on the main church level during worship and is staffed with a two volunteers (2 adults and/or 1 adult and 1 youth). Our nursery staff have current child safety clearances on file in the church office.

If your baby becomes fussy or you wish to nurse privately, you are welcome to go to the nursery on the main church level, or an usher can help direct you to a quiet, comfortable spot nearby.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Church school for children is offered on a monthly basis.

Of course, children are always welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the south entrance of the sanctuary.

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

For anyone who may be hearing impaired, ushers (those wearing white carnations) can provide you with a hearing assistance device upon request. They are located in a basket upon entering either sanctuary entrance.

We hope you will visit us soon!

For more information, please contact the office at (717) 867-1641, or email <u>secretaryannville@gmail.com</u>