

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROFILE

Our Story

Christ Presbyterian Church was founded on the evening of May 21, 2016, as the Holy Spirit prompted us to take a step in faith. Leaving Presbyterian Church USA, we began with no building, no set resources, and no idea where this journey would lead. Yet, we have witnessed God's faithfulness throughout as He has led us each step of the way. The Lord quickly provided a beautiful place for us to worship at a local Jewish synagogue. We became known as the Presbyterian church, led by a former Catholic, meeting in a Jewish synagogue. It was definitely a conversation-starter! Five months later we were accepted as a member of ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) and became the first ECO congregation in West Virginia. We continued worshiping in the synagogue for seven years, where we made lasting friendships with the Jewish community, while saving for the eventual purchase of our own church building. By God's blessing we were able to purchase our own church home (debt-free) in September 2022. God is good! To Him be the glory!



Who We Are

We are a joyful, welcoming, multi-generational congregation where the Gospel is faithfully preached, and the sacraments are duly administered. We are a tight-knit family in the



truest sense of the word. Every member is loved and cherished! Our worship service is on Sunday morning at 10:30 with a blend of traditional and contemporary music. Members contribute to worship by providing liturgy and a children's message. Sunday school classes are offered for all ages before worship. We have many opportunities to grow in

Christ throughout the week: women's Bible studies, a men's Bible study, bell choir, youth group, and a youth mentoring program known as GIFT (Growing In Faith Together).

We strive to speak God's truth, with love, to a world that desperately needs Him. We are engaged in community outreach through several programs, including: A New Beginning Pregnancy Resource Center (Pro-Life), the Huntington City Mission, The Village at Riverview Nursing Home, annual youth mission trips, providing Bibles to those in recovery, as well as placing washers and dryers in local schools to assist needy students. Ten percent of our budget is dedicated to outreach. We want our church home to be a valuable resource to our community where the love of Jesus Christ is evident.



Our Community

Huntington was established in 1871. With a population of 46,842, it is a beautiful river-city with wide streets and avenues. Marshall University is within walking distance of the downtown. There is a close relationship between the city and the university. This relationship was strengthened even further following the devastating Marshall University plane crash in 1970. Please see the documentary, *From Ashes to Glory*, or the movie, *We Are Marshall*, for more information.

Ritter Park is the jewel of the city and offers walking trails, tennis/pickleball courts, a dog park, children's playground, rose garden and amphitheater. Above Ritter Park is the Huntington Museum of Art—the largest art museum between Pittsburg and Richmond. Downtown attractions include Pullman Square, Keith Albee Performing Arts Center, The Market, along with many local shops and restaurants. Close by is the popular tourist attraction, Heritage Farm. In addition to our local public schools, Huntington is also home to several excellent private schools, including, Covenant School, St. Joseph, and Grace Christian School. Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center provide medical services for the community. Nearby is also the Huntington Mall, the largest in West Virginia.

Our church is located on a hill close to the border of Huntington and Barboursville. Picturesque Barboursville Park is nearby, with 9 shelters, several soccer fields (which host National tournaments), walking/biking trails, courts for basketball, pickleball, and tennis, as well as a lake. Our church retreats and celebrations take place in Barboursville Park. Howell's



Mill Camp, with cabins, is within 15 minutes of our church. New River Gorge is 3 hours away. Ashland, KY is half an hour west, Charleston (the state capital) is 45 minutes east, and Cincinnati and Columbus, OH are 3 hours west and north.

Where We Are Going—Our Vision

R.C. Sproul said, *“When God commanded the light to shine, the darkness had no power to resist the command.”* Since our new church building is on a hill, we want CPC to shine His light (Matthew 5:14). At Christ Presbyterian we have a heart for next generation ministries. We see the culture around us continuously spiraling toward godlessness, much like in the days of the Early Church, and we believe Christ has called us to be His witnesses sharing the Gospel of salvation. The next generation must be rooted in God’s Word, knowing that Jesus is our saving truth. We are looking for an Assistant Pastor with a passion for reaching out to the next generation – engaging the community and mentoring our children, youth and families in the love and truth of Jesus Christ — modeling before them how to be His light in a challenging and troubled world.



To learn more about our church, please visit our website: <https://christpreswv.org>.