

Christ Church United Methodist

August 18, 2024

(in - person) 9:00 am
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

Blessing Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns
David Catlett, trumpet; Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Wallace

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Ella Maren Thompson (3/15/2024) daughter of Cassie and Lane Thompson.

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Ella now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness, that her may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Ella, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Ella, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn 609

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Hymn 89

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, the source
of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example
and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for
comfort, and for strength. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

How Great Thou Art

Hymn 77

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Max Childers
Rev. Amy Chapman
Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

Bless the Lord

Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

This is My Father's World

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

Ray Weaver, violin

Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE KINDERGARTNERS

Linda Hess

Rev. Amy Chapman
Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:5-6

SERMON

A Word to the Wise

Rev. Amy Chapman

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Hymn 133

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
(Refrain)

BLESSING OF THE 6th GRADERS

Bobby Patton
Rev. Amy Chapman
Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Finale from Variations on NICAIA
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Piet Post

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Melanie Williams-Sublett, in honor of her 30 years of service to the music ministry of Christ Church, by her daughters, Meg Williams and Erin Williams Cornett.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Jane Myers on the death of her father, Bryan Seay, who died August 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW NUMBER! REACH ON-CALL PASTORS | (502) 893-7774

Call or text (502) 893-7774 to connect with a pastor in case of a pastoral emergency (like at emergency room, admitted to the hospital, scheduled for surgery, actively dying, a recent death, suicidal, active family conflict, a move from or to a rehab or nursing facility or some other crisis). A pastor will answer, or you can leave a message and a pastor will return your call shortly. Out of respect, please do not use any individual staff cell phone numbers, no matter how well you know them, so they can truly be off when they are off. All of our pastors care greatly about the congregation members and want to offer care when you need us. Please help us by adding this number to your phone contacts!

FELLOWSHIP

Pass It On Kids Sale | Fellowship Hall

September 20, 9 am - 2 pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm | September 21, 9 am - 12 pm

The semi-annual Pass it On Kids Sale is coming up with **hundreds of items**, including **clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more!** Visit ccum.net/passiton to **sign up to volunteer or consign**.

For questions and more information **text** Whitney Fontaine at (502) 797-7175.

Sanctuary Series Concert | Sunday, August 25 | 4 pm

The Sanctuary Concert Series opens its 2024-25 season with ***Sing Glory to the Name of God - A Festival of Hymns***.

Renowned composer, conductor, and organist **Tom Trenney** from First-Plymouth Congregational Church of Lincoln, Nebraska will lead the audience and Chancel Choir in an **afternoon of worship and singing**. Come raise your voice in inspired renditions of beloved hymns. A freewill donation will benefit the Brown Memorial Organ Fund.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Attention 4th and 5th graders (and parents)!

There will be a **New Acolyte Training** on **Sunday, August 18 at 10 am**. Meet in **Room 003** and we'll head to the Sanctuary for training. If you are interested in learning about this special ministry, come join us! Contact Elizabeth Powell with questions: egolden0@hotmail.com.

PSALM Kids starts Wednesday!

Parents, registration is now open for PSALM Kids, our **Children's Music Program** here at Christ Church. Kids in **grades Pre-K through 5th grade** experience God's love and develop musical and other skills through singing, ringing, games, activities and leading in worship. They meet weekly on **Wednesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm, beginning August 21**. Register at ccum.net/psalmkids.

Youth Music Opening Night and Youth Ministry Open House

Join us **Sunday at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall** for the kick-off event for all things youth music - for **youth, parents, and volunteers**. We will get all your questions answered, forms filled out, concert attire distributed and much more!

Immediately following, come down to the Youth Center for an **Open House and Ice Cream Social!**

upLIFT Books & Bible | Tuesdays at 9:30 am | Room 001

Come **join other mommas** for a **weekly conversation** about books, the Bible and our journey of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. More details and registration is at ccum.net/uplift.

Hey Mommas! Are you **home with your littles** on Friday mornings? Want somewhere to **explore** (and help get their wiggles out)? Want your kiddos to play with friends, or get to know the moms of kids they know from class, Children's Worship, PSALM Kids or Faith Formation? **Join other upLIFT moms for Pray & Playdates on Fridays at 10 am**. We explore fun spots all around Louisville and get to know each other while our littles do their thing! Register for locations and weather-related updates at ccum.net/uplift.

SERVE

Help People Worship at Home

Each week there are 100+ people who worship with us live even though they are unable to be present with us on Brownsboro Road. It takes a **team of five each week** to deliver this high quality worship experience. Please **consider serving once a month** on this important team. **No experience necessary and training is provided.** Ages 14 and up are welcome! Email help@ccum.net or stop by the balcony any Sunday morning to learn more.

Join the **Petal Pushers!** The Petal Pushers Ministry **creates new arrangements** from our donated altar flowers and **shares them** with homebound members and others in need of cheering. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this important ministry, please call or stop by the front desk and leave your contact information.

Children's Ministry Seeking 12+ Adults Willing to Serve. The Children's Ministry has about 90 active Sunday participants and we need loving **Sunday morning leaders, mentors and subs.** We are seeking a minimum of 12 folks willing to serve at least one Sunday a month for the next school year. If being a "last minute" sub works for your schedule, great! Let us know that. You may serve during the 10 am Faith Formation hour or during the 9 or 11:15 am Children's Worship Time. **Please visit ccum.net/ccumkids** to indicate your interest or reach out to Max Childers at max@ccum.net.

Christ Church Cares Day is Saturday, September 21

We will spend the day serving our neighbors at multiple sites across our city. For **more information and to register** visit ccum.net/cares.

SENIOR ADULTS

Summer SAM Adventure | Wednesday, August 21 | 6:00 pm | \$12

Meet at **Louisville Slugger Field** for classic ballpark food and great seats to watch the Louisville Bats play the Gwinnett Stripers, then seniors are invited onto the field to **walk the bases.** Have fun with friends and get in some steps! Register by August 14 at ccum.net/SAM.

Mark your calendar: Senior Adult Ministry has a full season of **luncheons** and **outings** planned for Fall 2024! On **September 9**, author and pastor **Ron Higdon** will assure us, "*Aging Is Not Optional – How We Handle It Is,*" followed by a fabulous box lunch from **Gracious Plenty.** On **September 25**, we'll ride the bus to historic **Riverside**, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing, for a guided tour, then enjoy lunch at **Mike Linnig's** restaurant, celebrating 100 years of serving delicious seafood. Lots more in store in 2024!

WOMEN

Women's Ministry Event: Gather to Seek | Saturday, August 24 | 10 am – 12 pm | Youth Center

Whether we're **seeking** God's strength or **searching** for answers, **prayer** is the proven pathway to take us where we long to be: **in God's holy presence.** Join us for coffee, conversation, and connection, as we consider several creative ways to pray, knowing God listens, cares, and responds. Register at ccum.net/gather-2024.

Psalm 23 not only provides comfort in loss—it gives confidence in life! Join beloved author Jennifer Rothschild for this 7-session **Women's Bible Study** beginning Thursday, September 12 from 5:30-7:00 pm in Room 260, led by Tish Muldoon. Register at ccum.net/women.

NOTEWORTHY

Chair Yoga Classes!

Join Christ Church's own Steph Horne for a summer long chair-based yoga, **Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall at 10 am.** Chair yoga is an energetic, yet gentle style of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair or using a chair for support, focusing on breath and movement coordination. It **aims to improve strength, flexibility, and balance**, while also enhancing mindfulness and relaxation. This practice is **accessible to individuals of all levels**, with adjustments and alternative poses provided to suit varying levels of expertise. Steph is a certified RYT 200 Hour yoga

instructor and is offering the class free of charge. No registration is required – all are welcome! **Please bring your own water bottle.**

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, August 15 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Center

Join author Liz Curtis Higgs, as she shares **how to write a devotion worthy of publication**. Bring any writing project you're working on or start one while we're together. **All writers**, from aspiring to accomplished, are invited to join us for this **free workshop**! Register ccum.net/write.

Called to Learning and Action: Injustice and Inequality in Our City

Wednesdays: August 21 - September 11

Beginning with a **fellowship meal** for all ages, this **4-week series** will take us into the stories of our neighbors. As we lean toward our **upcoming Christ Church Cares Day**, these important conversations will offer a space to explore the **issues of injustice and inequality in our community** and how we, as the Church, can respond individually and collectively. We hope you will prioritize the fullness of this 4-week endeavor as, together, we listen for the Holy Spirit to speak on behalf of our neighbors.

Dinners for all Ages

Dinner 5:15 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall | \$8 adults and \$4 kids

Register at ccum.net/dinner by **12 pm on Friday** prior to the dinner.

August 28 Menu: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad and breadsticks and dessert

September 4 Menu: Hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans, mac-n'-cheese and dessert

September 11 Menu: Penne alfredo, salad and breadsticks and dessert

Series Topics

6:15 – 7:15 pm | Fellowship Hall | Childcare is available upon request

8.21 **Housing Equality** with Church of the Promise/The Table

8.28 **Family Homelessness** with Coalition for the Homeless

9.4 **Food Insecurity** with Dare to Care

9.11 **Black Maternal & Child Health** with Louisville Coalition for Black Maternal Health