

# Christ Church United Methodist

December 8, 2024

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

## Second Sunday of Advent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Cradle Song*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. David Williams

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Betsy and Elizabeth Gibbs, Elliott and Nola Pino  
(11:15) Joy, Ben, Jena and Ophelia Monsma

Leader: The journey to Bethlehem continues, and this candle will help light our way.

**People: God's light goes before us; we are not alone.**

Leader: We long for the Good News of Jesus.

**People: We are becoming a people of more peace.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 211

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymn 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

We shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO PRAYER

*Wait for the Lord*

Taizé

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE 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.

## OFFERING

## OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

*The Wexford Carol*  
Peter Lovett, soloist

traditional

◇ 11:15

*See Amid the Winter's Snow*  
Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

## \*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.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

\*SCRIPTURE

*Luke 3:1-6*

(9:00) Tish Muldoon  
(11:15) Lilly Pennell

SERMON

*Prepare for the King*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Hymn 218  
st. 1,2,4

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Sleepers Awake*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

‡ Daniel Light, piano

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano; Matthew Vanover, organ

\*\**Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## **This Morning**

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in honor of our incredible ministers from a grateful community.

## **Our Church Family**

Christian sympathy is extended to Laura Radell on the death of her husband, Mark Radell, who died November 23.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Flo Baldrige, who died November 29.

Christ Church Children's Ministry is deeply saddened by the loss of Miss LeeAnn Federle who was on our childcare staff for 28 years and has most recently been teaching in our Two-Year old's class. Christian Sympathy is extended to her family and to all of our families here at Christ Church who loved Miss LeeAnn.

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# **Advent 2024**

*ccum.net/advent*

## ***The Weary World Rejoices | An Advent Study***

Study information can be found at *ccum.net/advent2024*

Many of our Sunday Schools Classes are embarking upon a single journey throughout the Season of Advent. *The Weary World Rejoices*, by Kate Bowler offers the opportunity to find ourselves on the same page of scripture and as recipients of the same blessings. While we join this path from our own classes or kitchen tables, we are all part of a collective journey toward Christ.

## **Sanctuary Series presents the Ballard Madrigal Singers Concert**

Monday, December 9 | 11:30 am | Chapel

The concert is free, and all are welcome.

## ***This Is Christ The King | 2024 Christmas Concert***

Join us this Christmas season with one of our church's most treasured traditions! Our annual Christmas concerts feature carols, both old and new, presented by the Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, Jubilate Ringers and orchestra. A freewill offering will benefit Dare to Care. Admission is free, and all visiting family, friends and guests are welcome! More information is available at *ccum.net*.

Sunday, December 8 | 5 pm

Wednesday, December 11 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 15 | 9 & \*11:15 am

Tuesday, December 17 | \*7:30 pm

\*Concert will be livestreamed at *ccum.net/live*

## **Holiday Hope Service | Sunday, December 15 | 5 pm | Chapel**

This is a worship service designed as a gift of love and hope to those who may have experienced suffering or loss. In trying and painful times, we come to God and look to Christ's light for comfort and peace. The service will be live-streamed at

*ccum.net/live*.

The Dwell class will host a **brunch for our college students** while they are home for Christmas break on **Sunday, December 22 at 10 am in Room 150b**. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

### **Christmas Eve Worship Services | Tuesday, December 24 | Sanctuary**

3 pm | 5 pm | 10:45 pm

3 pm service is designed for families with young children.

5 pm service will be live-streamed at [ccum.net/live](http://ccum.net/live).

Childcare is only available at the 3 pm and 5 pm services and is for ages 3 and under.

### **Sunday, December 29 | 10 am**

Worship only. No Sunday School. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has granted a renewal leave for Dr. Dan Blosser beginning January 2 through February 27. Renewal leave provides energizing renewal for clergy, staff and the congregation. It is an important part of maintaining focus, commitment, passion and skill for ministry. Dan has prepared the staff and his team well for his absence. We invite you to extend prayers for Dan during this time of renewal.

College-age? Young adult? Wondering where you fit? Visit **Dwell!**

Led by Sarah Patton and Jennifer Goselin, this **brand new gathering** is for **young adults** age 18 - 35 (single or married, no children) in Room 150b on **Sunday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am**. Invite a friend and come to Dwell.

**Parking Lot Caution:** From time to time, cars are broken into in the church parking lot, even during well-attended events, during daylight, and when the car is parked for a short amount of time. External cameras are mounted around the building, but not all areas of the parking lot are visible. Please be sure not to leave any valuable items visible in your car when parking.

### **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**

As is our tradition, the Staff Parish Relations Committee wants to give you the opportunity to **show your appreciation to the staff** by making a contribution towards a Kroger gift card for each of them, if you so choose. To **express your gratitude**, you may write a check to CCUM with 'Staff Appreciation' in the memo line or give online at [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give) and choose 'Staff Appreciation' from the fund drop-down. **Please send your gift by Monday, December 9**. Whatever amount you may be able to give, thank you for recognizing our talented and dedicated clergy and staff at Christmas.

**Grief Support** | Prayer Room 150b | 11 am | Wednesdays, January 8 - February 26

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something you do not have to walk through alone. As you are grieving, transitioning, and coping, you can **receive support and encouragement** through your church. We are offering a time of sharing with one another, learning about the tasks of grief and holding one another up with care. Even if you cannot be there every week, come when you can. If you have questions, email Melissa at [melissa@ccum.net](mailto:melissa@ccum.net).

**Save the Date: Marriage Retreat** | February 21 and 22, 2025

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Marriage Retreat to be held again this year at the AC Hotel by Marriott in NuLu. More details and registration coming soon!

Have you seen the **Christ Church Yearbook**? Check it out for highlights of 2024. You'll find hard copies on the slat walls around the building and online at [ccum.net/yearbook](http://ccum.net/yearbook).

**Scout Troop 317 Christmas Tree Stand** will open this year on Black Friday, **November 29 at 12 pm!** Come pick out your **tree, wreath and garland**, all of the highest quality at bargain prices, while supporting a great cause. The sale is in the **church's back parking lot** - come early for the best selection! Open weekday evenings from 6 – 8 pm and weekends, 12 – 8 pm until sold out.

The 2025 **Summer Mission Trip** with GO Ministries to the **Dominican Republic** is June 24 - July 1. There are two **informational meetings** to discuss important trip details, including cost and the basic itinerary: **today** at 10 am in Fellowship Hall **OR Monday**, December 9 at 7 pm on Zoom. Please contact Mike Porter at [mike@ccum.net](mailto:mike@ccum.net) for Monday's Zoom link.

## WOMEN

**Booked For Lunch** is a **monthly book club for women** of all ages! We believe fiction stories provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We **meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at noon**—bring a lunch and join us! The next meeting is **Thursday, December 12** in Room 156 at 12 pm to discuss *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan.

## MEN

### Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited monthly for breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers. On **Saturday, December 14**, we'll welcome **Tom Walton**, whose message will be, *Homelessness in Louisville: My Call, My Hope*. Bring a friend and join us in **Fellowship Hall at 8 am!**

## YOUTH/CHILDREN

### Confirmation 2025

Calling all **8th graders!** Confirmation is an **important milestone** in one's spiritual life. It's an exciting time of exploring, learning and discerning what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist. Youth participating learn and practice ways to **keep growing in faith** and how to live into the vows taken during Confirmation. Register your 8th grader at [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth).

**Laudate Winter Retreat** | January 24 - 25, 2025

**Registration is now open!** Join us for two days of food, fun, fellowship, and opportunities to sing for several organizations around the Louisville metro area. This event is **FREE!** Questions? Contact Ben Williams at [ben@ccum.net](mailto:ben@ccum.net). For more details and registration, visit [ccum.net/youthmusic](http://ccum.net/youthmusic).

## SERVE

Roll up your sleeve and join us for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, January 7** from 1 - 6 pm in Fellowship Hall! Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is **providing support** to people impacted by the recent hurricanes. You may donate in one of three ways:

- Make an **online donation** at [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give) and select the UMCOR - Hurricane Relief.
- Write a **check** to CCUM with UMCOR in the memo.
- **Donate directly** to UMCOR at [umcmmission.org/umcor/](http://umcmmission.org/umcor/)

### Children's Ministry Seeking 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 folks willing to serve **at least one Sunday a month**. 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](http://ccum.net/ccumkids) to indicate your interest or reach out to Max Childers at [max@ccum.net](mailto:max@ccum.net).

Have you wondered what it's like to **volunteer at the front desk** during the week? We'd love for you to **join our group!** For information, contact Gina Perry at 882-9685 or [gina@ccum.net](mailto:gina@ccum.net).

### **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](mailto:help@ccum.net) or stop by the balcony any Sunday morning to learn more.