

Christ Church United Methodist

December 28, 2025

(live-streamed & in - person) 10 am

Lessons and Carols Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Daniel Light

*OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Hymn 238

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Karen Lovett

Beloved in Christ,
this Christmas Season it is our duty and delight
to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels,
and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem,
and see this thing which is come to pass,
and the Babe lying in a manger.
Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture
the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin
until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child;
and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.
But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart,
let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people;
for peace upon the earth he came to save;
for love and unity within the one Church he did build;
for goodwill among all peoples.

And particularly at this time let us remember
the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed;
the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved;
the aged and the little children;
and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not,
or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.
Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us,
but upon another shore and in a greater light,
that multitude which no one can number,
whose hope was in the Word made flesh,
and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.
These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven,
in the words that Christ himself has taught us.

from The United Methodist Book of Worship p. 285

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.

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 240

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's
punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of
the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CAROL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn 196

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants
all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 211
st. 1,7

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. (Refrain)

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king
to a people in darkness.

CAROL

Angels From the Realms of Glory
Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Hymn 220
st. 1, 4

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: (Refrain)

FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of
justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 230
st. 1,4

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary

that she will give birth to God's promised Son,
whose kingdom will never end.

CAROL

Joy to the World

Hymn 246

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.

st. 3,4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

CAROL

The First Noel

Hymn 245

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

st. 1

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world
and find him lying in a manger.

CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn 229

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find
the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

CAROL

What Child Is This

Hymn 219

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

st. 1,3

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

st. 1, 6

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

*CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God,

by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.

Grant that, being born in our hearts,

he may save us from all our sins,

and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator,

to whom be everlasting praise and glory,

world without end. Amen.

United Methodist Hymnal #231

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Philip Stopford

Vocal Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell it On the Mountain

Hymn 251

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Wolford

Musicians: Matthew Vanover, organ; Daniel Light, piano

Ensemble: Jeannie Barrick, Rachel Barrick, Erin Cornett, Peter Lovett, Nick Peak, Ben Williams and Meg Williams

This Morning

Special thanks to Rev. Karen Lovett and Bob and Marilee Miller for participating in today's service.

The flowers have been placed on the altar this morning in loving memory of Rusti Silverthorn's parents, Agnes and Russell Cofer and Bob Silverthorn Jr's parents, Robert and Marilyn Silverthorn.

Announcements

Holiday Closing The building will be closed Thursday, December 25 through Friday, December 26 and Thursday, January 1 through Friday, January 2.

Charge Conference | January 25 | 12:30 pm

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this annual church business meeting. Childcare is available upon request by January 18 to childcare@ccum.net.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Epiphany Pillow Project | January 4th | 12:30 - 2 pm | Fellowship Hall

On the Sunday before Epiphany, we invite you to come hang out, eat pizza and make soft, knotted pillows for our homeless neighbors. During Epiphany, we celebrate that the Wise Men traveled to meet and bring gifts to Jesus. This is an opportunity to follow their example and **deliver meaningful gifts** to those in whose faces we glimpse the glory of God. Registration is required at ccum.net/children, if you plan on eating.

WE'D LOVE TO SPEND TIME WITH YOU IN 2026!



[CCUM.NET/EVENTS](https://ccum.net/events)

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Youth Music | Begins Sunday, January 11
Youth Group | Begins Sunday, January 11
PSALM Kids | Begins Wednesday, January 14
REFIT Wednesdays (5 weeks) | Begins January 14
Youth Game Night | Begins Wednesday, January 14
Winter Blitz | January 23 -24 | Georgetown First United Methodist
Laudate Retreat | January 30 - 31
Youth Fundraiser | February 8
Created by God (5th and 6th graders) | February 20 - 22
PSALM Kids 3rd-5th Grade Musical | Sunday, April 26
Vacation Bible School | June 15 - 18

Bible Study

Lenten Study with Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant | Begins February 24

Mom's Ministry

Mom's Small Groups, Pray & Playdates, Mom's Night Out and more!

Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast | January 31 | 12:30 pm

Marriage Retreat

NULU | February 6 - 7 | Registration open now!

Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.)

Luncheons and Outings | Begin February 2026

The Arts

Sanctuary Series Presents The Concordia Choir | Tuesday, March 3 | 7 pm
Sanctuary Series Presents *The Creation* | Sunday, April 26 | 7 pm
Sacred Worth Art Exhibit | April 2026
One Voice Homecoming Concert | Sunday, June 14 | 7 pm

Serve

American Red Cross Blood Drive | Tuesday, January 13 | 1 - 6 pm
Pass It On Kids Sale | March 20 - 21
One Voice High School Choir Tour | June 9 - 14
Summer Mission Trip to Dominican Republic | June 30 - July 7