

# Christ Church United Methodist

February 2, 2025

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

## Order of Worship

### ~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune in E Major*  
David Catlett, trumpet; Matthew Vanover, organ

David Johnson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: In this world of striving,

**All: we feel the yearn to earn.**

Leader: The world measures our worth in those earnings,

**All: but Jesus had different ideas.**

Leader: When they demanded special treatment,

**All: he offered healing and wholeness for all - not just for some.**

Leader: When we feel our own resources are lacking,

**All: we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*  
I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

Hymn 152

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
who filled the earth with food,  
who formed the creatures thru the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee

is ever in thy care;  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

**\*INVITATION**

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live  
in peace with one another.  
Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

People: Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us all pray silently and confess our sins to God.  
(*All pray in silence.*)

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.  
That proves God's love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

**~ PROCLAIMING ~**

**\*SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 4:21-30*

**SERMON**

*Filled With Plenty*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

**~ RESPONDING ~**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

◇ 9:00

*Amazing Grace*  
All Strings New

John Newton

‡ 11:15

*Come to Me*  
Dan Trice, soloist

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir

\*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.

\*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Romance, Op. 2*  
Ben Williams, oboe

Carl Nielsen

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Jody Gravatte, soloist

arr. Daniel Light

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Daniel Light, piano

Jean Sibelius

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

~ **SENDING FORTH** ~

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Gather Us In*  
Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,

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gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives  
that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of building confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Wilbur Held

\*indicates standing as you are able

◇ Andrew Chapman, Eric Ruppel, Anna Walton, Matt Walton and Reese Walton

‡ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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

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## **This Morning**

The flowers have been placed on the altar this morning by Theresa Bondurant in memory of her husband John Tyree Bondurant and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John H. Bondurant.

**Christian Sympathy is extended to:**

Craig and Janet Pope on the death of Craig's mother, Marleen McGlothin, who died January 3. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Natalie, Austin and Laura.

Patti and Terry Worley on the death of Patti's mother, Pauline Meadows, who died January 26.

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## Announcements

**Sanctuary Series** presents **Piano Tapestry** | Sunday, March 2 at 7 pm | Sanctuary Come experience a **unique program** of varied genres written for four, six or eight hands, featuring Mark Benz, Deanna Catlett, Daniel Light, Matthew Vanover, students from the Daniel Light Piano Studio and other special friends. Pieces **performed on two grand pianos facing each other** will offer a rare perspective on the communication needed for such an ensemble. A freewill offering will benefit Prodigal Ministries.

**Rekindle Bible Study** | Tuesdays, March 4 - April 15, 2025 | 10 am | Chapel

Join **Liz Curtis Higgs** for a **7-week** Bible study of **2 Timothy**, a book filled with timeless wisdom and profound truth. "*I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...*" 2 Timothy 1:6. Register for this free study at [ccum.net/rekindle](http://ccum.net/rekindle).

## FELLOWSHIP

**New to Christ Church? Looking to learn more?** Join Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant and Rev. Amy Chapman for **Belong! A Christ Church Connect Class**, Sundays in February at 10 am in the Chapel. Register at [ccum.net/belong](http://ccum.net/belong); registration is encouraged but not required.

**Love Thy Gamer Gaming Convention** | Saturday, March 1 | 9 am - 9 pm

Join **gamers of all ages** for an exciting day of **tabletop gaming fun**, learning and connection! Meet local creators and vendors working in the board game industry, and hear from professionals about the impact of gaming on fostering collaboration, creativity and a sense of belonging. This event isn't just about playing games—it's about understanding the significant role gaming plays in **building community and identity**, especially for kids and teens. Parents, educators and youth leaders are especially encouraged to attend to gain valuable insights into the gaming world. Come **learn, play and connect**—because gaming is more than a hobby! Please visit [ccum.net/gamer](http://ccum.net/gamer) for more information and to register.

## Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop

Thursday, February 20 | 6:30 pm | Youth Center

All writers are invited to join us for this free workshop as we welcome gifted teacher and author, Giovanna Godby, who will offer a lesson focused on grammar. Bring your current work-in-progress! If you're new, please register at [ccum.net/write](http://ccum.net/write).

## MEN

**Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, February 8 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to join us monthly for breakfast, **fellowship** and a **guest speaker**. This month we'll welcome **Rob Stockwell** who will be speaking about the book, *Men Worth Knowing*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Come and bring a friend!

## FAMILY

**Marriage Retreat** | February 21 - 22, 2025

This fun **overnight** retreat is an amazing opportunity to spend time with your spouse, celebrate what's going well in your marriage and learn some practical tools to **STRENGTHEN your relationship!** The retreat takes place at the AC Marriott in NULU with dinner at La Bodeguita de Mima. Register at [ccum.net/ministries/adult](http://ccum.net/ministries/adult).

## CARE

**Grief Support** | Prayer Room 150b | 11 am | Wednesdays, through 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. If you have questions, email Melissa at [melissa@ccum.net](mailto:melissa@ccum.net).

## YOUTH/CHILDREN

**Youth Fundraiser** | Sunday, February 9 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Our annual Youth Fundraiser to support Youth Missions, Choir Tour and Confirmation is on **Super Bowl Sunday!** Join us for lunch, Super Bowl snacks to purchase, a donation wall to support Youth Ministry and our famous Cake Auction! If you can't make it, you can always support by making a donation or purchasing something off our Youth Ministry Wishlist. To **register for lunch** and for more information, please visit [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth).

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

There will be an **Acolyte Training** on **Sunday, February 9 from 10-11 am** in the Sanctuary. Open to all 4th and 5th graders, including current acolytes. If you are interested in learning about this special ministry, come join us! Contact Elizabeth Powell with questions: [egolden0@hotmail.com](mailto:egolden0@hotmail.com).

**Save the Dates - March 14 and 15!** The semi-annual **Pass It On Kids Sale** is coming soon with hundreds of items - including clothing, toys, books, shoes, furniture, equipment, maternity clothes and more! 40% of all proceeds are donated to mission projects selected by the PLOKS Committee. To sign up to **volunteer or consign**, visit [ccum.net/passiton](http://ccum.net/passiton). For questions and more information please text Whitney Fontaine: (502) 797-7175.

**VBS 2025 Registration is Now Open!** *Road Trip: On the Go with God!*

**June 16 - 19**, VBS Kids will experience twists, turns and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! For more information and to register, visit [ccum.net/vbs](http://ccum.net/vbs).

## SENIOR ADULTS

**SAM Luncheon** | Monday, February 10 at 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

In this **engaging and informative talk**, *Healthy Mind, Healthy Life: Nurturing Your Brain as You Age*, Kristen Neises, APRN, will share practical, research-based strategies to help us improve cognitive function, enhance memory and protect our brains from age-related decline. Please register at [ccum.net/SAM](http://ccum.net/SAM) by 12 pm on February 7.

## SERVE

### Snacks in Sacks

Full and overflowing! During our Six Stone Jars sermon series, we will be partnering with our Confirmation students to **fill up bags of food** for the Snacks in Sacks mission. You can learn more about the organization and find a list of items at [snacksinsacks.org](http://snacksinsacks.org) and [ccum.net/outreach](http://ccum.net/outreach). No need to schedule or organize, just **fill and seal** and bring to the collection bin in Gathering Hall through March 21. Let's **fill it to the brim!**

### Mission Connect

If you're **looking to be connected in service** to an organization or ministry in Louisville or beyond, new resources are available. Email [missions@ccum.net](mailto:missions@ccum.net) or call 502.893.2201, ext. 330 and leave a message.