

Christ Church United Methodist

February 16, 2025

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

Order of Worship

~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Bright and Beautiful
Loren Been, flute
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in God,

All: who delight in the law of the Lord.

Leader: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

All: sending out roots by the stream.

Leader: This tree does not fear when heat comes;

All: its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

Leader: Come, trust in the Lord.

All: Let us live together in the blessing of Jesus.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God Is Here

Hymn 660

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

~ **PROCLAIMING** ~

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Hymn 160

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Seek Ye First
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Hymn 405

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-26

(9:00) Annie Katie Reynolds
(11:15) Steve Wilson

SERMON

Filled With Vision

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

~ **RESPONDING** ~

CALL TO PRAYER

My Jesus, I Love Thee
My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Hymn 172

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Alleluia
One Voice and Laudate

Ed Harris

‡ 11:15

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Chancel Choir

Malcolm Archer

*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.

Hymn 95

~ **SENDING FORTH** ~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Marching to Zion

Hymn 733

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.
(Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.
(Refrain)

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.
(Refrain)

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Gordon Young

*indicates standing as you are able

◇ Ben Williams, conductor; Mark Benz, piano

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***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The flowers on the altar today are given by Patty Williamson and her son, Justin, in loving memory of their son and brother, Lance Williamson, and husband and father, Jim Williamson.

The rose banner honors the birth of John Larimore Khouri, born January 30. He is the son of Amanda and Benjamin Khouri, little brother to Hank and grandson of Dana and Bill Faulkner.

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Greg, Katie and Graham Prather on the death of their father, Stewart Prather, who died January 6.

Mike and Kay Peak on the death of Mike's mother, Shirley Peak, who died February 5. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Nick and Jenny.

Patty Williamson on the death of her husband, Jim Williamson, who died February 9. Christian sympathy is also extended to son Justin.

Lisa Simms on the death of her mother, Ann Simms, who died February 10.

Lynn and Tony Williamson on the death of Tony's mother, June Williamson, who died February 11.

Announcements

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; registration is encouraged but not required.

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, will meet on **today, February 16**, in Room 001 at **12:30 pm**. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

Open Art Studio – Extended through February! | Wednesdays | 6 pm | Art Room

Join the A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience) Ministry for Open Studios on Wednesday evenings - extended through February, thanks to the great response! Bring your work in progress or come and start something new – we have plenty of paper, paints, and drawing materials available. Everyone, ages 11-111+ is welcome and childcare is available!

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

WOMEN

Women's Bible Study | beginning Thursday, March 6 | 5:30-7 pm | Room 260 Want to know Jesus better? Join us for *Luke in the Land*, a **7-session study** authored by Kristi McLelland and **led by Tish Muldoon**, features teaching videos from Israeli locations such as Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. You will feel like you've traveled to the Holy Land! Register at ccum.net/women.

ARTS

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YOUTH/CHILDREN

Youth Fundraiser | Today, 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 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. For more information, please visit ccum.net/youth.

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

There will be an **Acolyte Training** on **today, 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.

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 PIOUS Committee. To sign up to **volunteer or consign**, visit 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.

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Program | Monday, February 10 | 11:30 am | **Chapel**

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. A faculty member of both UofL's Trager Institute and School of Nursing, Kristen brings a strong commitment to helping seniors. Lunch registration is closed, but the program at 11:30 in the Chapel is free and all are invited!

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 and 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 or call 502.893.2201, ext. 330 and leave a message.