

Christ Church United Methodist

February 1, 2026

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

Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Prelude from "Prelude, Fugue and Variation"
Matthew Vanover, organ

César Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: While some clamor for miraculous demonstrations and others for philosophical wisdom, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified.

People: **To us, who are personally called by God, Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom wrapped up in one.**

Leader: Is it not obvious that God chose men and women that the culture overlooks, exploits, and abuses, chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies."

People: **Everything that we have – right thinking and right living, a clean slate and fresh start – comes from God by way of Jesus Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

Hymn 126

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim

aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

***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 come before you
with less than your glory deserves.
We have failed to bow our lives and hearts before you.
We have spoken slander with our tongues,
we have done evil to our friends,
we have found fault with our neighbors.
and we have harmed those who have done no wrong.
Forgive us, we pray,
free us for obedience to that which you require:
to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with you,
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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

Revelation 19
One Voice and Laudate

J. LaValley & J. Schrader

‡ 11:15

True Light
Chancel Choir; Richard Root, soloist

Keith Hampton

***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.

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Blessed Are...

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (*page 24 in the hymnal*)

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

Antiphon

Marcel Dupré

Suzie Kinman, flute; Paul Detterman, organ

And Can It Be

arr. Paul Detterman

Paul Detterman, organ

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Daniel Light

Daniel Light, piano

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

Gather Us In

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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,
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

Fugue from "Prelude, Fugue and Variation"
Matthew Vanover, organ

César Franck

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

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Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: Sourced from RCL verses within 1 Corinthians 1:18–31, The Message

Prayer of Confession and Pardon: sourced from Psalm 15, Micah 6: 1-8, RCL texts, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Closing Hymn: Used by permission One License A 702340

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.

The rose banner is hung in honor of:

Finnegan (Finn) Corey Dickens, born January 4. He is the son of John and Angie Dickens, and grandson of Barbie and Scott Dickens.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Scott and Cindy Bagley on the death of Scott's father, David Lloyd Bagley, who died January 12. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Allan and Amy.

The friends and family of Mary Jane Haller, who died January 23.

Announcements

Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, February 18

7:30 – 9:30 am | Imposition of Ashes | Chapel

12 - 1 pm | Imposition of Ashes | Sanctuary

6:30 pm | Evening Service | Sanctuary and Livestream

Lenten Study

Tuesdays at 10 am **OR** Wednesdays at 6 pm | Beginning February 24 and 25

Join **Pastor Eric** for this **weekly** Lenten Study, using Adam Hamilton's latest book, *Why Did Jesus Have to Die*.

Registration coming soon!

Called Charge Conference (Budget) | February 1 | 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 will be available.

Recycling Ministry - Volunteers needed!

Once a month, volunteers collect recycling in the church and school and take it to the Recycling Bin in the parking lot.

If you are available and interested, contact Keri Mitchell at keri@ccum.net.

Youth Missions Fundraiser | Sunday, February 8 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Our annual Fundraiser to **support Youth Missions, Choir Tour and Confirmation** is on Super Bowl Sunday! Join us for lunch, snacks to purchase, a donation wall and our famous **Cake Auction!** Visit ccum.net/youth for more information, to register for lunch and to donate a cake.

Cake Donations Needed!

One of the highlights of our Youth Fundraiser is the cake auction, and we need your help to make it a success! We are **hoping to have 20 cakes donated**. Bake one yourself or team up with a friend — **every cake counts!**

SAM Luncheon | Monday, February 9 at 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Herb Shulhafer (Director of Volunteers) will speak about **Veritas' variety of educational opportunities** for people over 54 years of age. After the program we'll enjoy a **boxed lunch** from Gracious Plenty. The program is free, lunch is \$15.

Register for lunch at ccum.net/sam by 12 pm on February 6.

Pickleball Fun | Wednesdays, beginning February 11 | 6 - 7:30 | Gym

Beginner and intermediate players, ages 14+ are welcome! Enter through door 8 (school side). Contact Linda Myers 502-558-0396 with questions.

Bible Study

Falling in Love With Your Bible | Sundays, beginning February 15 | 5 - 6:30 pm Looking to deepen your relationship with Scripture? Join us for a new weekly Bible study, **led by Rev. Ron Young**, retired UMC Elder. Together, we will read the Holy Scripture thoughtfully and prayerfully, **asking honest questions and discovering** how God's Word continues to shape our lives. Register at ccum.net/classes.

Created By God 2026 | February 20 - 22

Created By God is a **weekend retreat** designed to help prepare **fifth and sixth grade** students and their families to have Christ centered conversations around the topics of human sexuality, values and relationships. **Parents should plan to attend an information meeting** in order for your child to participate. Learn more and register at ccum.net/children.

Vacation Bible School - Rainforest Falls | June 15 - 18 | 9 am - 12 pm

Kids will plunge into a **lifelong adventure** of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. To **register or volunteer**, visit ccum.net/vbs.