

Christ Church United Methodist

February 8, 2026

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Ornament of Grace
David Catlett, trumpet; Matthew Vanover, organ

Bernard Wayne Sanders

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. It is not the latest message, but more like the oldest – what God determined as the way to bring out his best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene.

People: No one has ever seen or heard anything like this. No one has ever so much as imagined anything like what God has arranged for those who love him.

Leader: If we are generous with the hungry and start giving ourselves to the down-and-out, our lives will begin to glow in the darkness, our shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.

People: The Lord will always show us where to go and give us a full life in the emptiest of places. We will be like a well-watered garden, a spring that never runs dry.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn 79

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train joins thy sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow.
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

*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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful. In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

True Light

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir; Richard Root, soloist

‡ 11:15

Revelation 19
One Voice/Laudate

J. LaValley & J. Schrader

*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 5:13-20

(9:00) Katie Lloyd
(11:15) Michael Allen

SERMON

A People of Holy Purpose

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn 454

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 451

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue on CRUSADER'S HYMN
Matthew Vanover, organ

Gordon Young

*indicates standing as you are able

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

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

Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: *Sourced from RCL verses in 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 16 and Isaiah 58: 9-12*

Musical Response: *Used by permission One License A 702340*

This Morning

The flowers have been placed in the Chancel area this morning in loving memory of Ralph Powell by Carol Powell and family.

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

✧ *Come and receive ashes anytime during the times listed*

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*.

Register at ccum.net/classes.

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

Our annual Fundraiser to **support Youth Missions, Choir Tour and Confirmation** is today! Join us for lunch, snacks to purchase, a donation wall and our famous **Cake Auction!**

SAM PROGRAM | 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. Lunch registration is closed, but the **program is free** and **all are invited!**

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.

Booked For Lunch is a monthly **book club for women** of all ages who believe novels provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. Bring a lunch, if you like, and join us **Thursday, February 12 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, February 15**, in Room 001 at 12:30 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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.

Welcome Ministry Volunteers

We are looking to significantly **increase our welcoming presence** on Sundays and during special events, and we need you! Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry - you can **sign up to learn more** at ccum.net/welcometeam. There will be a kickoff luncheon in March, so stay tuned for more details!

Belong! A Christ Church Connect Class | Four-week, in person class

Sundays, February 22 - March 15 | 10 am | Room 253

Led by Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant and Rev. Amy Chapman, **Belong!** is for **anyone who is interested in learning more about Christ Church** and to deepen your understanding of what it means to be a United Methodist.

This class is open to everyone, but is most appropriate for those considering membership or who have joined in recent years. Register at ccum.net/classes; registration is encouraged but not required.

Sanctuary Series presents The Concordia Choir | Tuesday, March 3 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, the **renowned 70-voice** Concordia Choir returns during their 2026 tour. Performances in major concert halls and venues nationally and internationally since 1920 attest to the choir's world-class quality. Join us for an **eclectic program of traditional and contemporary choral works** presented by one of America's finest a cappella choirs. A freewill offering will benefit the University of Louisville Wesley Foundation.

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.

Summer 2026 Mission Trip Opportunities | Register at ccum.net/missions

Nashville Mission Trip | June 21 - 26

Students will serve alongside local organizations working with children, senior adults, literacy programs, anti-poverty initiatives, and community gardens—building relationships while growing in faith. Open to all youth, grades 6 - 12!

Dominican Republic Mission Trip | June 30 - July 7

We'll travel to Santiago de los Caballeros to serve with GO Ministries on VBS, field days, light construction, and relational ministry. This all-ages trip is a powerful way to serve, grow, and see God at work globally.