

Christ Church United Methodist

January 7, 2024

(in - person) 9:00 am
(live-streamed & in - person) 11:15 am

Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Fugue from Sonata No. 2
Matthew Vanover, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: When the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water, you revealed him as your own beloved Son.

People: You anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made,

People: And boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Three Kings

Hymn 254
st. 1, 2, 5

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

*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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Psalm 139
Mark Berlin, solo

Bill Cates

◇ 11:15

Alleluia
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

*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

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Be Loved

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION *(turn to 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

Deep River
Suzie Kinman, flute

arr. Mark Hayes

Hymn of Promise
Matthew Vanover, piano

arr. Matthew Vanover

On Eagle's Wings
**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Michael Joncas

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
Suzie Kinman, flute

arr. Phillip Keveren

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Hymn 605

**Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

**We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your spirit, children, heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, al your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Final from Symphony No. 1
Matthew Vanover, organ

Louis Vierne

‡ Daniel Light, piano

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

**Announcements are located on the following pages

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Carroll and Dorothy Garrison (parents), Patricia Garrison Aicken (sister) and Walt Calain (brother-in-law) given by Ronda Garrison.

The rose banner honors the birth of Wells Dockery, born January 3. He is the son of Claire and Spencer Dockery and grandson of Jenny Garst.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Nancy Hecht, who died December 10.

Christian sympathy is extended to Suzie and Billy Kinman on the death of Suzie's mother, Mary Lehman, who died December 31. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren Lili (Kyle), Will (Sedatia) and Katie.

Christian sympathy is extended to Jan Voigt on the death of her husband, Dick Voigt, who died January 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please **welcome** Matthew Vanover, our **new part-time organist!** Matthew and his wife Jessica and son Charles moved to Louisville earlier this year when Matthew became Executive Director of the Louisville Youth Orchestra. The family looks forward to attending Christ Church.

American Red Cross Blood Drive | Tuesday, January 9 | 1 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall
Please make an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at 502-727-2581 or kim.brice@icloud.com.

Charge Conference | January 28, 2023 | 12:30 pm | Room 158
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 21 to gina@ccum.net.

The K-5th graders and their families are invited to a **Starlight Walk to celebrate Epiphany** and conclude the Christmas season! We will gather tonight, **January 7 at 6:30 pm** in room 005, then move outside to walk a lantern-lit trail, discuss the meaning of Epiphany, sing together and enjoy being in the stillness of God's creation! Please bundle yourself and your little ones and join us for this final Christmas celebration! Please contact Max Childers, max@ccum.net, with questions.

Christ Church Connect

Three-week, in person class: January 10, 17, 24 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Cafe
Led by Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant and Rev. Amy Chapman, Christ Church Connect is for **anyone who is interested in learning more about Christ Church** and how you can get connected to the people and ministries. This class is open to everyone, but is most appropriate for those considering membership or who have joined in recent years. Childcare is available upon request. Registration is requested, ccum.net/connectclass.

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. We meet the **2nd Thursday of every month in Room 156 at 12 pm**—bring a lunch, if you wish, and join us! The **next meeting is Thursday, January 11**, discussing *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes. Our list of Spring 2024 books can be found at ccum.net/women.

Adult Study: DISCIPLE

A much-loved Bible study, DISCIPLE, returns to Christ Church, with **two options to choose from!** Whichever option you choose, you'll read, watch, listen, and discuss, as you grow in your knowledge and faith. **Register** at ccum.net/classes.

Beginning Thursday, January 11 | 11:30 am | Room 260

Go deep and wide with a 24-week study of the entire Bible.

Or, beginning Sunday, January 21 | 5:45pm | Room 001

Spend 12 weeks in the Old Testament.

Online Study | *The Journey Toward Wholeness* | Thursdays 7 pm | Zoom

If you know your **Enneagram** number and would like to deepen your understanding of the nine ways of being in the world, join Liz Matney and Kate Crandell for a fascinating **bi-monthly online book study beginning January 18!** Questions? Contact Liz Matney at matney.elizabeth@gmail.com. Register at ccum.net/classes.

Women's Bible Study: Isaiah | Thursdays 6:30 - 8 pm | Room 260

Need a little **freedom** and **light** in your thoughts, attitudes, or actions? **Beginning January 18**, join Tish Muldoon for a **7-week study of Isaiah**, whose prophetic message highlights freedom from captivity and light breaking through darkness. Register at ccum.net/women.

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, January 27 | 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 host **Laudate, CCUM's Middle School Choir** during their annual retreat. Please note that January's breakfast will be the **fourth Saturday of the month**, rather than the second Saturday. Come and bring a friend!

CCUM New Art Ministry: **A.W.E. - Art, Wonder, Experience -**

Art enhances worship, deepens Biblical learning, establishes connections across generations, enlightens perspectives on social justice issues, inspires us to introspection and new expressions, and opens us to vibrancy and life in our community. We offer **art ministry to people of all ages and all skill levels**. We hope you will try it and wonder and experience with us! **Please visit ccum.net/awe for more information** about January Open Studio times and classes and Church-Wide Art Weaving.

Register for Created By God, February 2 - 4, 2024. This weekend retreat is designed to communicate to 5th graders that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The **topics of human sexuality, values and relationships are approached in a frank, honest and Bible-based manner**. Parents are required to attend an information meeting in order for your child to participate. For more information, please contact Amy Chapman at achapman@ccum.net, or you can register at ccum.net/createdbygod.

Youth Missions Fundraiser - Save the Date!

Sunday, February 11 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

We're excited to announce that our annual Youth Fundraiser to support Youth Missions, Choir Tour and Confirmation is once again returning this year on **Super Bowl Sunday!** Join us for a baked potato bar lunch, Super Bowl snacks to purchase, a donation wall to support Youth Ministry and the return of our famous Cake Auction!

Women's Ministry 2024: Study | Share | Seek | Serve

Winter Gathering | Tuesday, February 13 | 10 am - 12 pm or 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Choose the time that works best—**morning or evening**—meet us in Room 250 for **fellowship, refreshments, and inspiration**, then we'll move to nearby rooms to go deeper in a **small group** setting. Our seasonal gatherings are **free**, online registration is easy, and women of all ages are welcome! Register at ccum.net/women by February 11.

Marriage Retreat 2024: THRIVE! | February 23 - 24

This fun overnight retreat is an **amazing opportunity** to spend time with your spouse, celebrate what's going well in your relationship, and learn some practical tools for making sure you are **THRIVING together!** More details and registration available at ccum.net/classes.

Weekly Fitness Classes

Looking to improve your fitness while having fun? We have 2 types of classes every week in the Gym, open to all ages and fitness levels, and they're **free!**

- REFIT® combines movement and positive music for a cardio-based workout that is challenging, effective and fun for everybody. Classes are Mondays at 6:15 pm and Saturdays at 9 am.
- REV+FLOW® is a low impact, high intensity workout focused on building strength, balance, flexibility and mobility. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:15 pm.

College Aged/ Young Adult Contact Information

If you have a loved one who has taken their first steps into adulthood, whether that be attending college or trade school, entering the workforce, or taking time for themselves, **we want to stay in contact with them** as they transition into becoming adults. Please fill out the information form at ccum.net/youngadults so we can ensure those who are adapting to a new chapter in their lives **feel God's love** through Christ Church.

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to our weekly gathering. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net to be sent the Zoom link.

Men's Morning Coffee | Tuesdays | 7 - 8 am | Fellowship Hall

We invite you to come join other men on Tuesday mornings anytime between 7 - 8 am. Stop in grab a coffee and donut, connect/reconnect with old and new friends and listen to a short devotional.