

Christ Church United Methodist

January 21, 2024

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

2nd Sunday after Epiphany Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Prelude from Paraludium in C
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy
of the calling to which you have been called,

People: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

Leader: Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn 64

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 139

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (9:00)

Christopher Joshua Senn (1/21/2023) son of Sarah and Joshua Senn

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Christopher now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Christopher, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Christopher, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn 609

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Bless the Lord

Taizé

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

How Can I Keep from Singing

Susan Blosser, solo

Ben Williams, oboe

arr. Taylor Davis

◇ 11:15

Fairest Lord Jesus

Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

*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

1 Kings 17:8-16

(9:00) Dan Blosser
(11:15) John Derr, Jr.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Hymn 529
st. 1, 2, 4, 5

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Fugue from Praeludium in C
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

‡ Daniel Light, piano

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Pat Todd and Michelle Crickmer in loving memory of Pat's parents and Michelle's grandparents, Joe and Faye Grinter.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Jay Bucy on the death of his wife, Barbara Bucy, who died January 15.

Christian sympathy is extended to Chris Benninger on the death of her husband, Phil Benninger, who died January 16.
Christian sympathy is also extended to daughters Amanda (Bert), Meredith (Andrew) and Brooke (Sam).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

When a member of our congregation passes, they are acknowledged in both our weekly eNews (sent on Fridays) and in our Sunday bulletin. If you would like to **receive an ADDITIONAL EMAIL to let you know of the death of a church member**, please visit ccum.net/loss or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Guest Services Desk.

Sacred Worth: A Ministry of LGBTQIA friends and allies will **meet today**, January 21, in room 001 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. We hope that you will join us and feel free to bring your lunch. **Everyone is welcome!**

Adult Study: Disciple | Tonight, January 21 | 5:45 pm | Room 001

A much-loved Bible study, DISCIPLE, returns to Christ Church! Beginning tonight, you'll spend **12 weeks** in the **Old Testament**. You'll read, watch, listen, and discuss, as you grow in your knowledge and faith. "*Go therefore and make disciples...*" *Matthew 28:19*. Register at ccum.net/classes.

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 special church business meeting. Childcare is available upon request by January 21 to gina@ccum.net.

Online Grief Group | Mondays at 7 pm | January 15 - February 12 | Zoom

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something you **do not have to walk through alone**. As you are coping, there are ways to get support and encouragement through your church. We are offering a time of **sharing, learning about the tasks of grief and holding one another up** with care. Even if you cannot be there every week, come when you can. Please contact Rev. Melissa Head at melissa@ccum.net for the Zoom link.

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!

Called to Write: A Weekend Workshop | Friday evening, March 15 and Saturday morning, March 16

At **Called to Write**, you'll explore and develop your gifts in a safe, supportive community, led by seasoned writers who share your passion for words. Details and registration coming soon. Our **keynote speaker** will be best-selling author **Silas House**, Kentucky's 2024 Poet Laureate!

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 | 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! To make a donation to Youth Missions or sign up for the lunch, please visit ccum.net/youth!

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

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

Studying Scripture together is the best way to deepen our faith, expand our understanding of the Bible, and consider how to put into practice what we're learning. 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.

SAM Luncheon | Monday, February 12 | 11:30 am | Alanna Nash: *A Life in Words*

An award-winning journalist, Alanna has **written feature articles on popular arts and culture** for The New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, AARP Magazine and others. We'll learn how her writing career began, the nuts and bolts of interviewing and her acclaimed biographies, with a delicious **box lunch** from Gracious Plenty. Register at ccum.net/SAM or at the reception desk!

Called to Write: Weekend Workshop | March 15 - 16

Is it time to get serious about your writing? Explore and develop your gifts in a safe, supportive community, **led by seasoned writers** who share your passion for words. **Details and registration coming soon!** Questions? Email liz@ccum.net.

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