

Christ Church United Methodist

January 19, 2025

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

Order of Worship

~ **GATHERING** ~

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

Leader: In this world of striving,

All: we feel the yearn to earn.

Leader: The world measures our worth in those earnings,

All: but Jesus had different ideas.

Leader: Where they perceived that things had run out and dripped dry,

All: he saw the possibility for transformation.

Leader: When we feel our own resources are lacking,

All: we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

Hymn 73

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

~ **PROCLAIMING** ~

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn 79

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

Hymn 405

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

*SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

(9:00) Susan Williams
(11:15) Sarah Grace Benz

SERMON

Filled With Hope

Rev. Amy Chapman

~ **RESPONDING** ~

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Hymn 420

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

Be Thou My Vision
Chapel Choir

Dan Forrest

*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.

~ **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

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 let the earth hear his voice!
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
 and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
 to every believer the promise of God;
 the vilest offender who truly believes,
 that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Postlude
Matthew Vanover, organ

D. Wagner

*indicates standing as you are able

◇ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

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

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Josh and Julie Minnic on the death of Josh's father, Stan Minnic, who died January 9. Christian sympathy is also extended to granddaughter, Palmer.

Holli Grant on the death of her husband, Curt Grant, who died January 10. Christian sympathy is also extended to daughters Kayla and Ginger.

Announcements

Charge Conference | January 26 | 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 is available upon request by January 19 to gina@ccum.net.

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.

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.

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.

ARTS

A.W.E. Open Art Studio | Wednesdays, January 15, 22, and 29 | 6 pm | Art Room

Join the A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience) Ministry for Open Studios on Wednesday evenings! Everyone, ages 11-111+ is welcome and childcare is available! Feel free to bring your works in progress. We also have plenty of paper, paints, drawing materials and more for anyone who want to dabble in something new. We'll have some regular art friends on hand to help try a new technique or medium. No experience necessary!

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Created By God 2025 | February 14 - 16

The human body is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139)! Created By God is a **weekend retreat** designed to help prepare fifth 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.

Youth Fundraiser | Sunday, 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 lunch, 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. To **register for lunch** and for more information, please visit ccum.net/youth.

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

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

Senior Adult Ministries has a **strong spring semester** plan in place, thanks to Liz's exceptional work in organizing speakers and lunches. We are grateful to Carol Sypher and Eva Woodruff for stepping up to lead alongside the SAM Team and staff liaison Rev. Melissa Head. SAM is an important ministry and SPRC is working hard to have a long term leadership plan in place. See below for details on the first luncheon:

SAM Luncheon | Monday, February 10 at 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

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. Please register at ccum.net/SAM by 12 pm on February 7.

A note from Liz Curtis Higgs:

My retirement may have had a cold and snowy start, but your many kind notes and very generous gifts for my new garden have warmed my heart more than I can say (and I can say a LOT!). Thank you, thank you, dear friends, for your support and encouragement these last five years. I'm SO glad I'll still be seeing you on Sunday mornings, and will happily show you our garden photos come spring! "Each time I mention you in my prayers, I thank God." Philemon 1:4