

# Christ Church United Methodist

January 11, 2026

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

## *Baptism of the Lord* Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Raymond Haan

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: Gathered people! Hear this plain truth: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you are from – if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.

People: The Lord sets everything right among the nations.

Leader: The glory of the Lord Jesus calls attention to who he is and what he does.

People: The Lord sets everything right among the nations.

Leader: The Lord Jesus will not brush aside the bruised or hurt, he will not tire out or quit until he has finished his work – to set things right on earth.

People: Breathe life into earth's people, Lord Jesus, for you set everything right among the nations.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

Hymn 166  
st. 1-4

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou can'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant, that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,  
thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*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     *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

Hymn 166

Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord:  
and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*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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OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◊ 9:00

*Open Thou Mine Eyes*  
Chapel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

† 11:15

*The Word Was God*  
Chancel Choir

Rosephanye Powell

\*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 3:13-17*

(9:00) Bill Stinnett  
(11:15) Linda Johnston

## BLESSING OF THE WATER FOR REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

*p. 51 in the hymnal*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos,  
 You swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.  
 In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.  
 After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.  
 When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
 you led them to freedom through the sea.  
 Their children you brought through the Jordan  
 to the land which you promised.

ALL: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

Leader: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
 nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.  
 He called His disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection  
 and to make disciples of all nations.

ALL: Declare Christ's works to the nations,

His glory among all the people.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
 and by this gift of water call to our remembrance  
 the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For You have washed away our sins,  
 and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,  
 that dying and rising with Christ  
 we may share in His final victory.

ALL: All praise to you, Eternal Father,  
 through your Son Jesus Christ,  
 who with you and the Holy Spirit  
 lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

## CALL TO PRAYER

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*  
 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
 wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;  
 stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
 and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hymn 500

## 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

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn 189

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
    O thou of God and man the Son,  
        thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
            thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
    robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
        Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
            who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
    and all the twinkling starry host:  
        Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
            than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
    Son of God and Son of Man!  
        Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
            now and forevermore be thine.

#### SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

*March*

Alexandre Guillmant

Matthew Vanover, organ

◊ Mark Benz, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

‡ Mark Benz, conductor

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#### This Morning

The altar flowers this morning are given by Marsha Wells in appreciation of the Chancel Choir and all the Christ Church staff.

#### **Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:**

The family and friends of Melanie Skeeters, who died January 3.

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#### Announcements

##### **Charge Conference** | January 25 | 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 18 to [childcare@ccum.net](mailto:childcare@ccum.net).

**Sacred Worth**, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet next Sunday, January 18**, in Room 001 at 12:30 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

### **Welcome Ministry Kick-Off Lunch** | Sunday, January 18 | 12:30 pm

Christ Church is excited to **expand** our Welcome Ministry in 2026—and we need your voice! You are invited to join us in **Fellowship Hall** for a lunch gathering as we share our vision and ask for your ideas, insights and participation. This is a wonderful opportunity to help shape how we **live out our commitment** that all are welcome. For more information, please contact Rev. Amy Chapman, [achapman@ccum.net](mailto:achapman@ccum.net), or Mark Coile, [mark@ccum.net](mailto:mark@ccum.net). We hope you'll consider being part of a ministry that makes a meaningful first impression and builds lasting connections. Sign up at [ccum.net/welcomelunch](http://ccum.net/welcomelunch).

## **SERVE**

Roll up your sleeve and join us for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, January 13** from 1 - 6 pm in Fellowship Hall! Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581. Walk-ins are also welcome.

### **Third Thursday Meals for The Bridge**

The Bridge is an addiction recovery ministry of Christ Church, meeting at Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church in Old Louisville. Each **Thursday from 5 - 6 pm**, members and friends of Christ Church share a meal with approximately 75 guests, offering nourishment for both body and soul. We invite volunteers to help prepare and serve a warm meal on a Third Thursday—whether you are able to serve once or multiple times. Meal dates needed for 2026 are **January 15, February 19** and **March 19**. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Pastor Leigh Ann at [lmaynard@ccum.net](mailto:lmaynard@ccum.net).

## **FAMILY**

### **Marriage Retreat: ROOTED** | February 6 - 7

This meaningful experience invites you to invest in your marriage, reconnect with your spouse and **deepen the foundation of your relationship in Christ**. Enjoy focused time together, practical encouragement, and helpful tools to keep your marriage flourishing. Together we'll explore what it means to build relationships that are **rooted** and growing in love. Register at [ccum.net/rooted](http://ccum.net/rooted).

### **REFIT®: Progress, Not Perfection!** | Fellowship Hall | Wednesdays, January 14 – February 11 | 6:15 pm

What if wellness meant caring for your body and your heart? REFIT® is an **encouraging, dance-fitness workout for all ages** and fitness levels—focused on progress, not perfection. In addition to this **special 5-week series**, we also offer regular weekly classes in the Gym: Mondays at 6:15 pm and Saturdays at 9 am. **FREE** and open to the Louisville community. Come move with us! **But wait! There's more!** Join us on Tuesdays at 6:15 pm in the Gym for REV+FLOW!

## **YOUTH/CHILDREN**

### **Created By God 2026** | February 20- 22

The human body is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139)! 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](http://ccum.net/children).

### **Youth Missions Fundraiser - Save the Date!** | Sunday, February 8 | 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 this year on Super Bowl Sunday! Join us lunch, Super Bowl snacks to purchase, a donation wall to support Youth Ministry and our famous Cake Auction! Visit [ccum.net/youth](http://ccum.net/youth) for more information and to register.

Parents, please **mark your calendars** for **Vacation Bible School** this summer, **June 15 - 18!** We'll meet Monday - Thursday from 9 am - 12 pm. Registration coming soon!

## ARTS

### **A.W.E. Open Art Studio** | Last Wednesday of the Month | 6 - 8 pm | Art Room

Join the A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience) Ministry for Open Studios on select 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! **Next Open Studio date: January 28.**

### **Open Chord** | Wednesdays, Beginning January 14 | 6 pm | Room 002

Whether you have never picked up an instrument before, or you're a professional looking to rekindle the **simple joy of making music with others**, this group is for you. We foster a fun, supportive community together as a **weekly jam session** playing hymns, blues, rock, bluegrass and beyond. Open to anyone, 10th grade through retired.

## ADULT

### **The Pastor's Pick** | January 27 | 10 - 11 am | Chapel

Beginning in January 2026, Pastor Eric invites you into a **year-long journey of reading, reflection, and faithful conversation in The Pastor's Pick**. We'll read a book together every few weeks and then **gather for a conversation with Pastor Eric** to explore what the Spirit may be saying through the book and to one another. January's book is *The Tears of Things: Prophet Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* by Franciscan Friar, Richard Rohr. Whether you're frustrated with the state of the world, wrestling with your own grief or hope, or simply eager for a deeper, compassionate way of living your faith, **this book offers grounded and transformative insight for our time**. Visit [ccum.net/classes](http://ccum.net/classes) to sign up and purchase the book.