

Christ Church United Methodist

January 18, 2026

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Chapman

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Richard Billingham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Porter

Leader: Gather and listen as the Lord says, "It is too light a thing for my Servant just to recover the tribes of Judah, merely to round up the strays of Israel."

People: The Lord has set his Servant as a light for the nations that salvation may be global, reaching the ends of the earth!

Leader: The work of Christ calls us to praise his glory to the whole congregation, to keep nothing back but to speak of it all.

People: We shall tell of how dependable and thorough you are, O Lord, holding back nothing of your love and truth. We will tell the whole story to your assembled congregation.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

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)

*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

My Tribute

Hymn 99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

In the Lord

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

Lamb of God

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir; Susan Kinman, flute

‡ 11:15

Open Thou Mine Eyes

Benjamin Harlan

Katherine Meisburg, Susan Blosser,
Daniel Blosser and Michael Kicklighter

*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

John 1:29-42

(9:00) Troy Lovett
(11:15) Anita Kuvin

CALL TO PRAYER

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hymn 172

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
 My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
 if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymn 519

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
 ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
 let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
 felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
 come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
 we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
 out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
 keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
 shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 true to our God, true to our native land.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue, BWV 556
Matthew Vanover, organ

J.S. Bach

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

‡ Daniel Light, piano

Order of Worship Notations:

Call to Worship: *Sourced using verses from Isaiah 49:1-7*

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

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 the following church members:

Kay Jorgensen on the death of her husband, Jim Jorgensen, who died January 6.

Announcements

Holiday Closure

Our church office and building will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday.

Welcome Ministry Kick-Off Lunch | Today, January 18 | 12:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

Christ Church is excited to **expand** our Welcome Ministry in 2026—and we need your voice! You are invited to join us 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. We hope you'll consider being part of a ministry that makes a meaningful first impression and builds lasting connections.

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

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 end of day, today, January 18 to childcare@ccum.net.

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop

Is 2026 the year you pursue your writing dreams? Join us **Thursday, January 22**

at **6:30 pm** in **Room 001**, as author Liz Curtis Higgs guides us through a goal-setting process for writers, including an on-the-spot writing exercise, then reveals our Called to Write vision for 2026. If you're new to our gathering, register at ccum.net/calledtowrite. All writers, aspirational to advanced, are welcome!

The Pastor's Pick | Tuesday, January 27 | 10 - 11 am | Chapel

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. Register at ccum.net/classes.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Youth Winter Retreat | January 23 - 24 | Middletown UMC

Our youth are joining up with other UMC churches in Louisville for **overnight** fun, worship, discipleship and a trip to Main Event! **Grow in faith and make memories!** Only \$50 (meals & stay included) - For more information and to register, visit ccum.net/youth.

Confirmation 2026

Calling all **8th graders!** Confirmation is an **important milestone** in one's spiritual life. It's an exciting time of exploring, learning and discerning what it means to be a Christian and a United Methodist. Mark your calendars - the **Confirmation 101 Retreat is February 6 - 7** and there is a **Parent Meeting on Sunday, January 25 at 6 pm** in rooms 003/004. Register at ccum.net/youth.

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 at ccum.net/vbs.

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.**

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Luncheon | 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. After the program we'll enjoy a **boxed lunch** from Gracious Plenty. The program is free, lunch is \$15. Register for lunch at ccum.net/sam by 12 pm on February 6.

SERVE

Youth Missions Fundraiser | 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 for lunch, Super Bowl snacks to purchase, a donation wall to support Youth Ministry and our famous **Cake Auction!** Visit ccum.net/youth for more information and to register.

Cake Donations Needed!

One of the highlights of our Youth Fundraiser is the famous cake auction, and we need your help to make it a success! We are **hoping to have 20 cakes donated**. If you enjoy baking and would like to donate a cake, your contribution will directly support our youth. Bake one yourself or team up with a friend — **every cake counts!**

Third Thursday Meals for The Bridge - Volunteers Needed

The Bridge is an addiction recovery ministry of Christ Church, meeting at Fourth Avenue UMC in Old Louisville. Each **Thursday from 5 - 6 pm**, members and friends of CCUM share a meal with approximately 75 guests, offering nourishment for both body and soul. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve a warm meal on a Third Thursday. Dates needed for 2026 are **February 19** and **March 19**. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Rev. Leigh Ann at lmaynard@ccum.net.