

Christ Church United Methodist

November 5, 2023

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day / Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Melissa Head

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

arr. Joel Rancey

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints

Hymn 711
St. 1, 2, 5, 6

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. [Refrain]

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. [Refrain]

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: [Refrain]

*INVITATION

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

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

I'm Trusting in the Savior
Tenor Leaven; Nick Peak, solo

arr. Ware

‡ 11:15

In Remembrance
Chancel Choir
Steve Causey, horn

Jeffrey Ames

***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 5:3-10

(9:00) Leigh Ray
(11:15) Cyndy Burgess

SERMON

Words of Life

Rev. Melissa Head

HONORING OF THE SAINTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray. God of All, we praise you for sustaining us by your grace to live each day in faith while also looking toward a better homeland— as you have taught your children to do.

People: On our journey, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses—

Leader: Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, and martyrs and saints.

People: We praise you for these witnesses of faith.

Leader: We give thanks for our loved ones now resting in you, who nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived and gave that we might be who we are, where we are—your precious children, heirs with Christ.

People: May the great cloud of witnesses give us hope and courage.

Leader: Lord, we still miss our family and friends who have gone before us. Please hold us close with your comfort and peace, for we are unsure how to continue walking by faith and hoping for a better homeland without the strength of Christ.

People: May we honor the great cloud of witnesses that inspire us--

Leader: Members of this community, fellow believers and models of discipleship; friends and mentors who help, guide and uplift us; and those who simply spread your love—all of them saints of your redeeming.

People: We thank you for their examples. We praise you for their lives of faith. Show us how to be your faithful people while expecting a better homeland someday.

Leader: On this day we remember – teachers, storytellers, choir members, musicians, leaders, servers, hard workers, visionaries, spouses, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, children, and friends, and all our ancestors in faith. As we give thanks for them and all of their lives, may God be near to the brokenhearted, heal our hearts, and renew our spirits. In the love of Christ, we pray. Amen.

As we remember these saints today, we will honor them by speaking each name, lighting a candle and ringing a bell. At that time, families are welcome to stand for their loved ones and then be seated.

Carolyn Alt	Carl Larson
Geoff Baker	Ida Leese
John Bondurant	Pat Mack
Jack Cummings	Joyce Mahan
Carolyn Davis	Jane Morgan
Susan Doderer	Barbara Morrow
Shirley Engelhardt	Hal Norwood
Joe Ann Fenley	Mary Powers
Bonnie Fisher	Elizabeth Robertson
Duray Hale	Norma Sledge
Jane Hamm	Juanita Swogger
Florence Heyde	Gloria Van Nostrand
Pam Knight	Pierce Walker
Lenny Krebs	Michael Weeks
Don Lancaster	Bill Woofter

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Prayer for Peace
Isaac Kicklighter, piano

Daniel Light

Andante con moto from Fantasiestücke, Op.43
Kaitlin Callahan, clarinet

Niels Gade

Prayer
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ; Daniel Light, piano

Paul Halley

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
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.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Hymn 702

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Cortège et Litanie
Shawn Dawson, organ

Marcel Dupré

‡ Donna Vaughn, conductor

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

** *Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The tissue paper flowers presented by our K-5th grade Children's Ministry are in honor of beloved family members, friends, and mentors, whether living or dead, animal or human, who have inspired in them the love of Christ and glorified God through the testimonies of their lives.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Chancel Choir in loving memory of all the Saints of Christ Church who have died this past year.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Mark and Diane Jessee on the death of Mark's father, Bill Jessee, who died October 26. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Rachael, Bill, Mac and Leah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Speaker - Optimal Aging | Monday, November 6 | 3 pm | Room 158

Christ Church is pleased to welcome special guest speaker, Dr. Christian Furman, who will be giving a presentation titled *Optimal Aging*. She is the **Medical Director for the Trager Institute/Optimal Aging Clinic at UofL**. Dr. Furman specializes in geriatric and palliative care. All are welcome to attend and special thanks to the Caregiver Support Group for sponsoring this event!

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, November 11 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited monthly for breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers. For November, they'll welcome George Thacker who will be discussing using Christ Church's endowment fund in estate planning. Come join them!

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, November 9**, discussing *Hill Women* by Cassie Chambers. Our list of future books can be found at ccum.net/women.

PSALM Kids Sharing Night will take place **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**, in the Chapel. There will be music performed by three choirs and our Chimes Choir. Come celebrate the talents and hard work of these spectacular kids!

Support for the Holidays Grief Group | Wednesdays at 11 am through November 15 | Room 159

Many of us face the holidays with nervous anticipation. While the rest of society is focused on decorations, gatherings and food, you may be focused on survival and do not feel like preparing at all. You are **welcome to join us** for a support group on grief and loss and the holidays. We can **find care and support when we gather to listen and share with one another**. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, email Rev. Melissa Head at melissa@ccum.net. Registration is not required and you are welcome to drop in any week.

Charge Conference | November 20, 2023 | 6:30 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 will be available.

Honor Our Veterans Reception | Sunday, November 12 at 10 am | Fellowship Hall

We invite all veterans and their families to join us for a **time of appreciation and fellowship**. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Mike Porter, at mike@ccum.net, with any questions.

SAM Lunch | Monday, November 13 | 11:30 am

Join us for our November SAM lunch and program! **On the heels of Veteran's Day, Aaron Wellman offers first-hand knowledge about military service in a post 9/11 world**. Lunch is \$12 and will immediately follow. Register at

ccum.net/SAM or fill out a form at the Reception Desk and drop it in the SAM box no later than Friday, November 10 at 12 pm.

Pointing the Way | An Advent Study with Liz Curtis Higgs | Tuesdays, November 28 and December 5 | 10 am | Room 158
Prepare your heart for the **joyous coming of the Christ Child**, as we consider the many Old Testament prophecies pointing toward the long-awaited Messiah. This **two-week study** is **open to everyone!** Register at ccum.net/classes

Festival of Stars

It's almost time for our annual Festival of Stars, your opportunity to **shop for a Christmas gift for someone in our community in need.** You'll be able to select a star from the trees in Gathering Hall, or make an online donation. More information coming soon!

Summer 2024 Mission Trip Informational Meeting

We are partnering with GO Ministries for our Summer Mission Trip to the **Dominican Republic from June 18 - 25, 2024** and we are inviting our youth, as well as their entire families, to participate! There will be **an informational meeting on Sunday, November 19 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall** to discuss trip details, price and the basic itinerary. Please contact Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net with questions.

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.

Hey mommas of littles! Now that the school year is underway, we hope you'll join us for some morning adventures! We've started a **small group + Bible study on Tuesdays at 9:15 am.** No homework, just time to rest and connect. **Pray & Playdates are Fridays at 10 am.** Visit ccum.net/women to find more information and to register!

Jonathan Harrison, one of our custodians, was in a very serious car accident on July 21. His injuries are numerous and his recovery will take months, if not years. Jonathan's family has setup a GoFundMe to help cover Jonathan's medical expenses. You may learn more and donate at bit.ly/help-jonathan.

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.

