

Christ Church United Methodist

November 12, 2023

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

24th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children
Pre-K PSALM Kids
Jodi Holley, director

traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

Walk in the Light
K-5th grade PSALM Kids
Dr. Daniel Blosser and Elise Ashkettle, directors
Deanna Catlett, piano

arr. André Thomas

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God of the Ages
God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Hymn 698

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Amy Chapman

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

CALL TO PRAYER

Prayer of St. Patrick
3rd-5th grade PSALM Kids
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor
Deanna Catlett, piano

William M. Schoenfeld

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

No Rocks A-Cryin'
One Voice

Rollo Dillworth

‡ 11:15

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY

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.

Hymn 95

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13

(9 am) Emaline Myers

SERMON

Ready or Not Here I Come!

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Hymn 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Allegro moderato (Sonata II)
Shawn Dawson, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Nancy and Jim Broadwater, Catherine House Long, Catherine Bell Scruggs House and Sarah Broadwater, our parents and grandparents and sister by Jane, Craig, McLean and Ian Long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you are a **woman** and attend church on your own—whether you are single, widowed, divorced, or your partner doesn't attend church with you—consider **SOLO** your safe place to land on **Sunday mornings at 10:05**. This **Sunday, November 12**, the SOLO class will embark on their latest adventure, exploring the many powerful stories in the book of Acts.

Family Advent Celebration: Christmas Comes to Life!

Begin your Advent journey with the Nativity Bible characters as they tell the story of Jesus's birth to remind us all of the love God has for us! **Dinner, games, cookie decorating, Bible Trading Cards!** This is an Advent event for the whole family to enjoy! **Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Register at ccum.net/children.

Monday, December 4, at 11:30 am in the **Chapel**, the **Sanctuary Series** presents the **Ballard Madrigal Singers**, putting their full hearts into this captivating musical program! The concert is free, and all are welcome. An offering will be taken to benefit Maryhurst.

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 time for our annual **Festival of Stars**, your opportunity to shop for a **Christmas gift** for a person in need in our community. You can select a star from the **trees in the Gathering Hall** or if you would prefer to donate toward the cost of gift cards, you can visit ccum.net/give and select "Festival of Stars" from the dropdown menu or by check with "Festival of Stars" in the memo line. Please drop off your donated gifts to Gathering Hall by December 1.

Joy of Every Longing Heart

Come and celebrate the Christmas season with one of our church's most treasured traditions! Our annual Christmas concerts feature carols, both old and new, presented by the Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, Jubilate Ringers and orchestra. Admission is free, and all visiting family, friends and guests are welcome!

- **Sunday, December 10 | 5 pm**
- **Wednesday, December 13 | 7:30 pm**
- **Sunday, December 17 | 9 & 11:15 am**
- **Tuesday, December 19 | 7:30 pm**

Shuttle service between The Summit Office Park (at Hubbards Lane & Brownsboro Road) will begin 1 hour prior to the concerts on December 10, 17 (11:15 am service only) and 19. The 11:15 am concert on December 17 will be available on livestream at ccum.net/live.

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.

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.

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.