

# Christ Church United Methodist

November 19, 2023

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

## 25th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

*Canterbury Chimes*  
Middle School Handbells  
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

Douglas E. Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Curtis Higgs

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High.

**People: We proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

Leader: For you make us glad by your deeds, Lord.

**ALL: We sing for joy at what your hands have done!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Hymn 66

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;  
mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

\*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

*Gloria Patri*

Hymn 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (9:00)

James Theodore Lockett (12/19/2022) son of Meredith and Tyler Lockett

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Theo now before you in your care?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care Theo, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Theo, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Hymn 609

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

*Spirit of the Living God*

Hymn 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

*I Choose Love*  
Laudate

Mark Miller

‡ 11:15

*The Ground*  
Chancel Choir

Ola Gjeilo

\*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 25:14-30*

(9 am) Peter Raymond  
(11:15 am) Mark Berlin

SERMON

*Risky Business*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

Hymn 438

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.**

**For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C minor, BWV 582/2*  
Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

◇ Ben Williams, conductor, Daniel Light, piano

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

\*\**Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## THIS MORNING

Today's flowers are placed on the altar by Anita Kivin in loving memory of her husband Neil and her mother, Martha Hoggard, with thanksgiving for their lives and legacies of faith and love.

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### ***Joy of Every Longing Heart* | 2024 Christmas Concert**

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](http://ccum.net/live). Childcare is available for all concerts.

### **Blue Christmas | Sunday, December 17 | 4:30 pm | Chapel**

Blue Christmas is a worship service designed as a gift of love and hope to those who may have experienced suffering or loss over the course of the past few years. In trying and painful times, we come to God and look to Christ's light for comfort and peace. Communion will be served and the service will be live-streamed at [ccum.net/live](http://ccum.net/live).

### **Christmas Eve Morning Worship | Sunday, December 24 | 10 am | Sanctuary**

Worship only. No Sunday School. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under.

### **Christmas Eve Worship Services | Sunday, December 24 | Sanctuary**

**3 pm | 5 pm | 8 pm | 10:45 pm**

3 pm service is designed for families with young children.

3 pm and 5 pm services will be live-streamed at [ccum.net/live](http://ccum.net/live).

Childcare is only available at the 3 pm and 5 pm services and is for ages 3 and under.

### **New Years Eve Worship | Sunday, December 31 | 10 am**

Worship only. No Sunday School. Childcare is available for ages 5 and under.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

### Holiday Closure

Our church office and building will be closed Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Mom's Night Out: Our Favorite Things!** | Wednesday, November 29 | 7 pm | Osteria in Westport Village

To kick off the Christmas season, let's channel our inner Oprah and **bring a new version of one of your favorite things (wrapped)! \$15-20 or so.** It can be something that smells great, tastes great, looks great, reads great, sparkles great...you get the picture. Please register at [ccum.net/uplift](http://ccum.net/uplift).

### 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](http://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 | Chapel  
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](http://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](http://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.

Join us **Monday, December 11** for a special **Senior Adult Ministry luncheon!** First, we'll gather in the **Chapel** at **11:30 am** for a glorious concert with gifted musician Carol Wellman, *Ringing the Liturgical Year*. Then we'll move to **Fellowship Hall** for a delicious **holiday meal**, with a gift at each table setting. Merry, merry! **Register** at [ccum.net/SAM](http://ccum.net/SAM) or fill out a form at the Reception Desk and drop it in the SAM box no later than Friday, December 8 at 12 pm.

### 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.