

Christ Church United Methodist

November 26, 2023

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

Christ the King Sunday 26th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Andante from Horn Concerto No. 2
Steve Causey, french horn
Shawn Dawson, organ

W. A. Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Porter

Leader: The Lord God says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega,

People: Who is, and who was, and who is to come."

Leader: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb.

ALL: Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Hymn 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

*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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn 160

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

In the Lord

Taizé

In the Lord I'll ever be 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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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

The Ground
Chancel Choir

Ola Gjeilo

‡ 11:15

Be Thou My Vision
Daniel and Susan Blosser, soloists

Brenda Portman

*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 25:31-46

(9 am) Bill Stinnett
(11:15 am) Betsy Gibbs

SERMON

Hungry?

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Hymn 581

Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As O Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quicken sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that you servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude

Shawn Dawson, organ

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

‡ Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

THIS MORNING

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Christian sympathy is extended to Alice and Crawford Wells on the death of Alice's brother, Donald Shepherd, who died November 20.

Christian sympathy is extended to David Douglas, Joanie (Nathan) Heitz and Jeff (Mary-Helen) Douglas on the death of their father, Jim Douglas, who died November 16. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren, Ashleigh, Trevor and Bethany.

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. 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.

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.

5 pm service will be live-streamed at 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

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.

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 | 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

Festival of Stars

Our annual Festival of Stars is an opportunity to shop for a Christmas gift for a person in need in our community. While several stars have been claimed, **we still have about 40 left.** If you would prefer to **donate toward the cost of gift cards** to be given to children at Lighthouse Ministries and residents of the Healing Place and United Methodist Home for Children and Youth, 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.

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 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.

We are hosting a **brunch for our college students while they are home for Christmas break on Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 pm in the Café.** For more information, please contact Logan Ashkettle at logan@ccum.net.

Save the Date for Created By God, February 2 - 4, 2024. This weekend retreat is designed to communicate to 5th graders that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The **topics of human sexuality, values and relationships are approached in a frank, honest and Bible-based manner.** Parents are required to attend an information meeting in order for your child to participate. For more information, please contact Amy Chapman at achapman@ccum.net.

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 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.