

Christ Church United Methodist

November 24, 2024

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Gaudeamus (Let Us Be Joyful)
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

Arnold Sherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amy Chapman

Leader: Come, let us gather with hearts full of thanksgiving.

People: We come, thankful for God's abundant grace and blessings poured into our lives.

Leader: We are called to generosity and to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving with joy.

People: We come, ready to give generously, just as God is generous with us.

Leader: Let us open our hearts and lives in this time of worship, that we may be filled with God's abundance.

All: We come to worship, to give thanks, and to live generously as Christ has taught us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn 327

*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

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn 102

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Near to the Heart of God

Hymn 472

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

(9:00) Scott and Barbie Dickens
(11:15) Tony Coffey

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

9:00

It Is Well With My Soul
Tenor Leaven

David Harrington

‡ 11:15

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Chancel Choir

Tom Fettke

*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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

(9:00) Carol Sypher
(11:15) Leah Catlett

SERMON

Called To Generosity

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Daniel Light, piano

*CLOSING HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 189

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Sigfried Karg-Elert

‡Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano; Matthew Vanover, organ

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The rose banner honors the birth of Chandler Keith Dingle and Caroline Frances Dingle, born November 15. They are the children of Scott and Katie Dingle.

The flowers placed in the altar area are given by Susan Deegan and Beth Dixon in loving memory of Libby and Peyton Davis and Betty and Dale Dixon.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Pam Taylor on the death of her husband, Jim Taylor, who died November 19. Christian sympathy is also extended to children, Jay (Malorie) and Liz (David).

Christian sympathy is extended to Charlotte Young on the death of her husband, Jack Young, who died November 13.

During this season, we are **Called to Generosity**.
The annual Commitment Sunday is November 24.
To make your estimate of giving online, visit
ccum.net/generosity.



Advent 2024

ccum.net/advent

Advent Kick-Off Gathering: ADVENTure Begins!

Sunday, December 1 | 10 am | Fellowship Hall

Start your Advent with our Christ Church children and youth for breakfast snacks, special music, a festive craft and a SNACKTIVITY!

The Weary World Rejoices | An Advent Study

Study information can be found at *ccum.net/advent2024*

Many of our Sunday Schools Classes are embarking upon a single journey throughout the Season of Advent. *The Weary World Rejoices*, by Kate Bowler offers the opportunity to find ourselves on the same page of scripture and as recipients of the same blessings. While we join this path from our own classes or kitchen tables, we are all part of a collective journey toward Christ.

Friendly Beasts "Live Nativity"

Friday, December 6 | 6 - 8 pm | Back Parking Lot

This holiday season, come gather at the stable as we await the arrival of a King! Beneath a wintry sky, join us for a starlit prayer walk, ornament making, cocoa and coffee, a read-aloud and a Friendly Beasts Meet-n'-Greet with Sunny Acres Farm! The read aloud begins at 6:30 pm and the Friendly Beasts Meet-n'-Greet is open from 6 - 7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help in decorating for and cleaning up after the event; email *max@ccum.net* if interested.

Sanctuary Series presents the Ballard Madrigal Singers Concert

Monday, December 9 | 11:30 am | Chapel

The concert is free, and all are welcome.

This Is Christ The King | 2024 Christmas Concert

Join us this 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. A freewill offering will benefit Dare to Care. Admission is free, and all visiting family, friends and guests are welcome! More information is available at *ccum.net*.

Sunday, December 8 | 5 pm

Wednesday, December 11 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 15 | 9 & *11:15 am

Tuesday, December 17 | *7:30 pm

*Concert will be livestreamed at *ccum.net/live*

Holiday Hope Service | Sunday, December 15 | 5 pm | Chapel

This is a worship service designed as a gift of love and hope to those who may have experienced suffering or loss. In trying and painful times, we come to God and look to Christ's light for comfort and peace. The service will be live-streamed at *ccum.net/live*.

Christmas Eve Worship Services | Tuesday, December 24 | Sanctuary

3 pm | 5 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.

Sunday, December 29 | 10 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Building Closure

Our church office and building will be closed Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has granted a renewal leave for Dr. Dan Blosser beginning January 2 through February 27. Renewal leave provides energizing renewal for clergy, staff and the congregation. It is an important part of maintaining focus, commitment, passion and skill for ministry. Dan has prepared the staff and his team well for his absence. We invite you to extend prayers for Dan during this time of renewal.

College-age? Young adult? Wondering where you fit? Visit **Dwell!**

Led by Sarah Patton and Jennifer Goselin, this **brand new gathering** is for **young adults** age 18 - 35 (single or married, no children) in Room 150b on **Sunday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am**. Invite a friend and come to Dwell.

Parking Lot Caution: From time to time, cars are broken into in the church parking lot, even during well-attended events, during daylight, and when the car is parked for a short amount of time. External cameras are mounted around the building, but not all areas of the parking lot are visible. Please be sure not to leave any valuable items visible in your car when parking.

NEW NUMBER! REACH ON-CALL PASTORS | (502) 893-7774

Call or text (502) 893-7774 to connect with a pastor in case of a pastoral emergency (like at emergency room, admitted to the hospital, scheduled for surgery, actively dying, a recent death, suicidal, active family conflict, a move from or to a rehab or nursing facility or some other crisis). A pastor will answer, or you can leave a message and a pastor will return your call shortly. Out of respect, please do not use any individual staff cell phone numbers, no matter how well you know them, so they can truly be off when they are off. All of our pastors care greatly about the congregation members and want to offer care when you need us. Please help us by adding this number to your phone contacts!

FELLOWSHIP

As is our tradition, the Staff Parish Relations Committee wants to give you the opportunity to **show your appreciation to the staff** by making a contribution towards a Kroger gift card for each of them, if you so choose. To **express your gratitude**, you may write a check to CCUM with 'Staff Appreciation' in the memo line or give online at ccum.net/give and choose 'Staff Appreciation' from the fund drop-down. **Please send your gift by Monday, December 9.** Whatever amount you may be able to give, thank you for recognizing our talented and dedicated clergy and staff at Christmas.

Have you seen the **Christ Church Yearbook**? Check it out for highlights of 2024. You'll find hard copies on the slat walls around the building and online at ccum.net/yearbook.

Participate with **A.W.E. (Art | Wonder | Experience)** this Christmas season by painting a wooden circle in the Gathering Hall before or after the 11:15 service. Your circles will become part of a larger community art project unveiled in Advent! All are welcome--no special artistic ability necessary!

Scout Troop 317 Christmas Tree Stand will open this year on Black Friday, **November 29 at 12 pm!** Come pick out your **tree, wreath and garland**, all of the highest quality at bargain prices, while supporting a great cause. The sale is in the **church's back parking lot** - come early for the best selection! Open weekday evenings from 6 - 8 pm and weekends, 12 - 8 pm until sold out.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Laudate Winter Retreat | January 24 - 25, 2025

Registration is now open! Join us for two days of food, fun, fellowship, and opportunities to sing for several organizations around the Louisville metro area. This event is **FREE!** Questions? Contact Ben Williams at ben@ccum.net. For more details and registration, visit ccum.net/youthmusic.

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Luncheon | Monday, December 9 | 11:30am | Chapel and Fellowship Hall

As part of our **Sanctuary Series**, we'll welcome the **Ballard Madrigal Singers**. This holiday concert is always a crowd pleaser and will include nearly two dozen songs in a variety of musical genres and languages. Then, join us in Fellowship Hall for a tasty box lunch from Gracious Plenty and a wee Christmas gift from Santa SAM. Register for lunch at ccum.net/SAM, \$15 due by 12 pm on December 6.

SERVE

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. We have **several stars still available** on the **trees in the Gathering Hall** or if you would prefer to donate toward the cost of gift cards being distributed to children at **Lighthouse Ministries** and residents of **the Healing Place** and **United Methodist Home for Children and Youth**, please visit ccum.net/give and select Festival of Stars from the fund menu. You may also write a check with Festival of Stars in the memo line. Please **drop off your donated gifts to the Gathering Hall by December 1**.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is **providing support** to people impacted by the recent hurricanes. You may donate in one of three ways:

- Make an **online donation** at ccum.net/give and select the UMCOR - Hurricane Relief.
- Write a **check** to CCUM with UMCOR in the memo.
- **Donate directly** to UMCOR at umcmmission.org/umcor/

Children's Ministry Seeking Adults Willing to Serve.

The Children's Ministry has about 90 active Sunday participants and we **need loving Sunday morning leaders, mentors and subs**. We are seeking folks willing to serve **at least one Sunday a month**. If being a "last minute" sub works for your schedule, great! Let us know that. You may serve during the 10 am Faith Formation hour or during the 9 or 11:15 am Children's Worship Time. Please visit ccum.net/ccumkids to indicate your interest or reach out to Max Childers at max@ccum.net.

Have you wondered what it's like to **volunteer at the front desk** during the week? We'd love for you to **join our group!** For information, contact Gina Perry at 882-9685 or gina@ccum.net.

Help People Worship at Home

Each week there are 100+ people who worship with us live even though they are unable to be present with us on Brownsboro Road. It takes a **team of five each week** to deliver this high quality worship experience. Please **consider serving once a month** on this important team. **No experience necessary and training is provided**. Ages 14 and up are welcome! Email help@ccum.net or stop by the balcony any Sunday morning to learn more.