

Christ Church United Methodist

November 2, 2025

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

All Saints Day / Communion Sunday Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Rondo Passacaglia
Carillon Ringers
Donna Vaughn, conductor

Cynthia Dobrinski

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints

Hymn 711
st. 1, 2, 4, 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]

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. [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. Leigh Ann Maynard

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

Offertory
Chapel Choir

John Ness Beck

◇ 11:15

Anthems of Love
Chancel Choir
Carillon Ringers

Dan Forrest

*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

Psalm 119:137-144

SERMON

Give Me Understanding that I May Live

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

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

Leader: We give thanks for members of this community, fellow believers and models of discipleship. We give thanks for friends and mentors who help, guide and uplift us; and those who simply spread God's love—all of them are saints of your redeeming.

People: Lord, 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.

People: 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.

Leader: 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.

Harold Anderson	Curt Grant
Dan Arnold	Larry Hampton
Mary Lou Bark	John Heyburn
Judy Blair	Stephen Lutz
Carlita Canfield	Diane Norwood
Jim Cox	Stewart Prather
Jane Crawford	Jim Prather
Bob Dangremond	Ann Rankin
Norma Davis	Jon Roma
Tom Duncan	James “Jim” Tennill
Peggy Dye	Kathy Torres
Sarah Ewing Ernst	Rob Trabue
Susan Fenley	Sue Williams
Deborah Fillebrown	Patty Williamson
Donald Fontaine	Elise Wobbe
David Fuller	

Leader: Almighty God of all Eternity, we give you our collective praise for all the saints who are living with you now in eternity—those named here and the many others on our minds. Let these saints represent a boundless faith that continues today and forevermore. By the grace of Christ, we offer the innermost prayers of our hearts. Amen.

***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

Deep River
Elizabeth Myers, solo; Daniel Blosser, piano

Mark Hayes

Concerto No. 4, II. Romanza
Gabe Porter, horn

W. A. Mozart

Adoration
Suzie Kinman, bass flute

Florence Price

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Hymn 557

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn of Promise
In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Hymn 707

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *For the Saints*
Matthew Vanover, organ

‡ Mark Benz, conductor; Matthew Vanover, organ

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

This Morning

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by the Chancel Choir in loving memory of our directors, Melanie Williams-Sublett and Michael Bolden and the faithful choir members who have passed this year, Ann Simms, John Heyburn and Wes Harris.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the following church members:

Friends and family of Linda Jones, who died October 24.

Announcements

Mark Your Calendars – Living Proof Sunday

On **Sunday, November 16** there will be **one worship service at 10 am** (optional Adult Sunday School at 9 am; no Faith Formation for children and youth). We'll be blessed by a special multigenerational choir which will include our Chancel, High School and Middle School choirs, as well as hear from PSALM Kids, our children's choir!

For generations, Christ Church has been blessed by the faith, planning and generosity of those that came before. On this All Saints Sunday, we **extend gratitude** to these who have planned a legacy gift to Christ Church. May God continue to bless our ministries for years to come.

For the past 38 years we have honored each of our church member 'Saint' with a needlepoint dove. Please extend a special 'Thank You' to the talented people who contributed their time and talents in the making of the beautiful needlepoint doves displayed on the All Saints' banner this morning. Each dove represents one of our 'Saints' and is presented to the families of the Saints at the end of the service. The stitchers include: Ruby Becker, Cyndy Burgess, Debbie Cook, Ed Folz, Betsy Gibbs, Jane Haase, Angie Henry, Sharon Hitch, Jodi Holley, Sally Jackson, Diane Jesse, Janet Kean, Suzy Lancaster, Judy Lawhorn, Stephanie Madison, Mary Miller-Johannemann, Karen Otey, Sharon Sengelaub, Kathryn Smith, Laura Welch, Susan Reed, Alice Wells, Debbie Yackey and Joyce Young. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, *please contact Debbie Yackey*.

Later **this afternoon**, you are invited to come back for **Blessing of the Animals** from **3 - 4 pm** in front of the Chapel (door #4). All the pets near and dear to you are welcome!

Annual Charge Conference | November 3 | 6:30 pm | Crestwood UMC

The Annual Regional Charge Conference for the North Region of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the UMC will be held on Monday, November 3 at Crestwood UMC. While Christ Church has traditionally held its own Charge Conference on site, this year we are joining with several neighboring congregations, led by our District Superintendent, to celebrate ministry in community.

Honoring Our Veterans | Sunday, November 9 | 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.

Hope for the Holidays Service | Sunday, November 9 | 5 pm | Chapel

Before the holiday season begins, we invite you to a **quiet, reflective service** designed to **bring comfort and renewed hope**. Hope for the Holidays offers space for those who may be waiting, grieving, or carrying burdens as the year draws to a close. Grounded in *Luke 20:27-38* and the message, *Something to Hold Onto*, this worship gathering reminds us that even in uncertain times, God's love is poured into our hearts, and **hope does not disappoint us**. Come and find a moment to breathe, to remember, and to hold onto hope.

CCUM: Fall Church-Wide Overnight Retreat | November 14 - 15 | Camp Loucon

Join us at Camp Loucon for a **Fall Discipleship Retreat for All Ages!** Singles, families, couples - all are invited! Enjoy worship, hayrides, free time and, of course - smores! The cost is \$75 per person and \$50 for each additional family

member. Friday dinner, Saturday morning breakfast and Saturday lunch are included! Visit ccum.net/camploucon for more details and to register. Space is limited to 75.

AWE Ministry Bookbinding Workshop | Saturday, November 22 at 10 am | Art Studio Join us for an introduction to basic bookbinding! We will learn how to make a single signature memo book - the first stepping stone in creating your own journals and sketchbooks at home. We will be cutting with exacto knives, so this class is more suited for ages 16 and up. The cost is \$20. Space is limited - register at ccum.net/awe.

CCUM Administrative Council Meeting | November 24 | 6:30 pm | Room 158

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this church business meeting. Childcare is available upon request by November 16 to childcare@ccum.net.

MEN

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

Men of all ages are invited monthly for breakfast, fellowship and guest speakers. This month, we welcome **Betsy Gibbs**, who will speak on the **Every Neighbor Housed, Fed and Healthy Initiative**, focusing on John 21:16, *Jesus said: Do you love me? Then take care of my sheep*. Bring a friend and come enjoy a meaningful morning together!

YOUTH/CHILDREN

High School Fall Retreat | Red River Gorge | November 7 – 9

High schoolers, join us for a **weekend of adventure, discipleship, and community** in the Red River Gorge! We'll explore Old Testament stories of people who answered God's call to "Go." Cost is \$150 and we will depart Friday at 5 pm, and return Sunday by 1 pm. **Limited spots available!** Visit ccum.net/youth to register.

Save the Date! Scout Troop 317 **Christmas Tree and Greenery Stand** will open this year on Black Friday, November 28 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 front parking lot - come early for the best selection! **This morning is the last call to pre-order greenery** - visit the Scout's table in Gathering Hall!

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Lunch | Monday, November 10 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

Join us as we welcome Bryan Carter and Scott Veazey from the **Every Neighbor Housed, Fed and Healthy Initiative** who will share the many ways Christ Church is involving our members to support local organizations in caring for the basic needs of our neighbors. After the program we'll enjoy lovely **boxed lunches** from Gracious Plenty. Register at ccum.net/sam by November 7 at 12 pm.

WOMEN

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. Bring a lunch, if you like, and join us **Thursday, November 13 in Room 156 at 12 pm** to discuss *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout.

SERVE

Festival of Stars - Coming Soon!

It's almost time for our annual Festival of Stars, an opportunity to shop for a Christmas gift for a **person in need** in our community. Watch for the trees next week in Gathering Hall!

Help Feed our Neighbors for Thanksgiving! The **Every Neighbor Fed, Housed, and Healthy Initiative** is collecting ONLY the following household-sized canned food items through November 23: canned tomatoes, canned fruits, and canned soups. These are the items that are **most needed by our local food pantries**. Bring your offering of 5 cans (or more) to the collection bin in Gathering Hall. Our Children and Youth will be displaying "Canned Art" with your donations in Fellowship on November 16 and 23.

Christmas Concert Parking Volunteers

Our Christmas concerts are a highlight of the season, drawing guests from across our community. We're looking for volunteers to help create a warm, joyful experience for our guests while directing parking and traffic for each concert. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net.