

Christ Church United Methodist

November 23, 2025

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

Order of Worship Christ the King Sunday/Commitment Sunday

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians
Middle School Handbells
Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

Scholtes/Geschke

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: Gathered Children! Know, this day, that God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons!

People: He has set us up as a people of shared inheritance - the kingdom - of the Son he loves so much!

Leader: The Son who got us out of the pit we were in,

People: The Son who got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.

Leader: Here, we learn how God works, so we better understand how to do our work.

**People: May we stay with it for the long haul, finding strength and endurance
that spills over to shared joy in everything bright and beautiful God has for us!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Hymn 327

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

***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, 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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Hymn 715

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

Be Still and Know
Laudate

Victor C. Johnson

‡ 11:15

Holy, Holy, Holy
Chancel Choir

Molly Ijames

*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

Colossians 1:3–14

(9:00) Randy Bloch
(11:15) Portia Odette

SERMON

Saints in the Light

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus, Remember Me

Hymn 488

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Daniel Light, piano

*CLOSING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

Hymn 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Virgil Fox

◇ Ben Williams, conductor; Mark Benz, piano

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

This Morning

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.

The flowers in the Gathering Hall are given to the Glory of God and with love and admiration for Joan McCombs on the occasion of her 93rd birthday on November 11th by Nancy Morris.

During this season, we contemplate our **Shared Inheritance**
and the profound role we each play in stewarding the gifts God has given us. The annual
Commitment Sunday is November 23.

To make your estimate of giving online, visit ccum.net/shared.



*Joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

Colossians 1:12

Holiday Building Closure

Our church office and building will be closed Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Advent 2025

Light From Light Eternal

November 30 - December 24

Advent Study | Sundays in December

A Child is Born: A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories

A.W.E. Ministry - Threads of Light: An Advent Art Project

Chair Yoga – Joy to the Seat! | Tuesdays in December

Ballard Madrigal Singers Concert | December 8

Intergenerational Event | December 17
Children of Light (for Kids of ALL Ages!)

College Brunch | December 21

Christmas Caroling with Open Chord | December 21

Christmas Eve Services

For more information and registration, visit ccum.net/advent2025.

Light From Light Eternal | 2025 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 The Nigeria Well Project. Admission is free, and all visiting family, friends and guests are welcome! More information is available at ccum.net.

Sunday, December 7 | 5 pm

Wednesday, December 10 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 14 | 9 & *11:15 am

Tuesday, December 16 | *7:30 pm

*Concert will be livestreamed at ccum.net/live

Announcements

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 8.** Whatever amount you may be able to give, thank you for recognizing our talented and dedicated clergy and staff at Christmas.

Grief Support Group | Tuesdays, November 18 - December 23 | 11 am - 12 pm | Prayer Room

Experiencing the death of a loved one is something **you do not have to walk through alone**. Grieving, transitioning and coping cry out for added support and encouragement. Such **support is essential** to your wellbeing - spiritually, mentally and physically. In response to these ongoing needs, we are offering a time of sharing, learning and supporting one another with care. If you cannot commit to being there every week, then come when you are able. If you have questions email Rev. Karen Lovett at kgklovett49@gmail.com.

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.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

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!

Registration is now open for the **Laudate Winter Retreat!**

Join us **January 30 -31, 2026** 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. Register at ccum.net/youthmusic.

SERVE

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, 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.**

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.

Christmas Concert Greeters

We are in need of friendly people to help welcome our Christmas Concert guests and help guide them through the building for the concerts. Families are especially encouraged to work together! There will be space reserved in the balcony for our Greeters so that you may enjoy the concert at well. Please contact Mark Coile at mark@ccum.net.

SENIOR ADULTS

SAM Lunch | Monday, December 8 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

With an excellent caliber of singers from the choirs at **Ballard High School**, the **Madrigals** will offer a Renaissance selection of Christmas music. Join us for this incredible opportunity and to support our local high school students. After the program we'll enjoy lunch from Gracious Plenty. Register at ccum.net/sam by December 5 at 12 pm.