

Christ Church United Methodist

October 13, 2024

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Cantabile
Matthew Vanover, organ

A. Guillmant

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Curtis Higgs

Leader: We gather today as the body of Christ, not confined to walls but set free by the Spirit.

People: We are the Church—called, equipped, and unleashed to bring light to the world.

Leader: God has empowered us with His love and given us the mission to carry the Gospel to the world.

People: We are the Church—bold in faith, unwavering in hope, and abounding in love.

Leader: As we worship today, may we open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen! Let us worship the God who calls us to worship and sends us out to love others!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Hymn 577

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn 92

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Hymn 420

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

Build on a Rock
One Voice

Marc Hafso

‡ 11:15

Esto les digo
Chancel Choir
Portia Odette, solo
“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20

Kinley Lange

*DOXOLOGY

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.

Hymn 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:38-42

(9:00) Julia Irick
(11:15) Marilee Miller

SERMON

Church Unleashed

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

O Breath of Life

Hymn 543

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us;
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;
revive your church in every part.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. M. Burkhardt

◇ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Kathy Kicklighter, piano

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Phyllis Wilson by her husband Bob and their children, Mark, Amy, Greg and families, and also in loving memory of Michael Weeks.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Lou Bark on the death of her brother, Richard Krumreig, who died October 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Council -Charge Conference | October 28, 2024 | 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 is available upon request by October 21 to gina@ccum.net.

Please join us for our **New Member Gathering** on **today, October 13 at 10:15 am** in the Café on the 2nd floor. If you would like to learn more about our membership process at Christ Church, please plan to join Pastor Amy. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

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) and begins **October 20** in Room 150b on **Sunday mornings from 10 - 10:45 am**. The first gathering will include some classic Autumn-themed treats and beverages. 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

A.W.E. Workshop | November 2 | 10 am – 12 pm | A.W.E. Studio

Join our community of artists—both experienced and novice—for a **morning of printmaking** together. \$15 cost covers all materials for the workshop. We have a number of instructors ready to help each step of the way. Be prepared to use cutting tools and messy inks! Please visit ccum.net/awe to register!

upLIFT Mom's Night Out! | Westport Village | 5 pm | \$22

Come join other mommas as we **create our own flower arrangements at Oberer's Flowers design class**. Their florists will walk us through the making of our own individual arrangement to take home. **After class, we'll head down to BoomBozz Pizza** for dinner around 6 - 6:15. Please email or text Jessie Kington, jessie.e.gordon@gmail.com or 407-432-0386, if you plan to join for class, dinner or both! **Space is limited, so you must pre-register online** for this event at <http://www.oberers.com/design-class-tue-10-15-at-5-00-pm>.

Sacred Worth, a ministry of LGBTQIA members and allies, **will meet on Sunday, October 20**, in Room 001 at 12:30 pm. Feel free to bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome!

October Learning Sessions! | Register at ccum.net/classes

Sign up to join us on **Wednesday evenings** in October from 6:15 - 7:15 pm.

The sessions include:

One Pastor's Journey | Four Sessions, October 9 - 30

An in-depth exploration of scripture, and how one can be both Biblical and inclusive in light of our denomination's decision to fully include LGBTQ people in the life of the church. These sessions will be led by Pastor Eric Bryant and Dr. Bill Higgs (Bible scholar) and will use personal experiences and wisdom from their own Biblical journeys.

Rising Kindergarten Q & A - Unraveling Kindergarten Registration

One Session on October 16

Parents with rising Kindergartners—this session is for you! A small panel of educational experts will share their personal and professional experiences of the various local options, posing questions for you to consider in determining the best fit for your family. We'll also host families from a number of local schools to answer any questions you might have about their school communities.

Calling all **flute players!** The Christ Church Flute Choir would love for you to join them! Any players at a 7th grade level or beyond are welcome! If interested, please **text** Suzie Kinman at (502) 376-0661.

Called to Write: A Monthly Workshop | Thursday, October 17 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Youth Center

Join author Liz Curtis Higgs, as she shares publishing options for those ready to take the next step. Bring any writing project you're working on or start one while we're together. All writers, from aspiring to accomplished, are invited to join us for this free workshop! New to our group? Register at ccum.net/write

SENIOR ADULTS

Keep the Faith! Gather around God's Word in the **Chapel** on **Tuesday** mornings this October and consider four vital steps we're called to take as we mature: Keep Believing, Keep Praying, Keep Serving, and Keep Loving. Taught by Liz Curtis Higgs, this **Senior Adult Bible Study** begins at **10 am** on **October 8, 15, 22 and 29**. Invite your friends and register at ccum.net/keepthefaith.

October SAM Speaker | Monday, October 14 | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall

In her role as a "marketplace minister," **Elizabeth Jeffries** has been challenging, encouraging, and coaching executives for two decades, working with CEOs, vice presidents, directors and managers across the country. A Certified Speaking Professional, she has presented more than 4,000+ programs, and is the author of *The Heart of Leadership*. **Dedicated to helping people hear God's call** in all seasons of their lives, Elizabeth will share *For Such a Time as This: Saying Yes When God Says Go!* Everyone is invited to this **FREE** event!

Walk on Wednesday this Fall with SAM | 10 am

Take a step toward fitness that's **free, safe, and fun!** Put on your walking shoes and join us for a **30-minute walk each week** through one of seven of Louisville's nicest parks. Details and registration: ccum.net/SAM. This Wednesday, **October 9, join us at Thurman Hutchins Park!**

SAM Monthly Outing | Wednesday, October 30 | 9:30 am

Let's head down to **Paristown** for a guided tour of the historic **Stoneware & Co. ceramics workshop**, followed by a **fabulous lunch** next door at The Café. Register at ccum.net/SAM by October 28.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

We hope you'll join us for our annual fun and festive event on **Friday, October 25 from 6 - 7:30 pm**. Food, games and photo booth will begin at 5:30 pm and the Trunk or Treating begins at 6 pm. We are inviting the entire community, so **we're asking for your help to make it a success!**

We still have a few open spots for **Decorated Car Trunks!** We will supply the candy. Register your decorated trunk at ccum.net/children.

We need candy! Please **drop off individually wrapped candy** to collection bins at the Christ Church School entrance at Door 8 and in the Gathering Hall **by October 20**.

Hey Mommas! Are you **home with your littles** on Friday mornings? Want somewhere to **explore** (and help get their wiggles out)? Want your kiddos to play with friends, or get to know the moms of kids they know from class, Children's Worship, PSALM Kids or Faith Formation? **Join other upLIFT moms for Pray & Playdates on Fridays at 10 am**. We explore fun spots all around Louisville and get to know each other while our littles do their thing! Register for locations and weather-related updates at ccum.net/uplift.

SERVE

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.