

Christ Church United Methodist

September 22, 2024

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 2
Matthew Vanover, organ

F. Mendelssohn

INVOCATION

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Hymn 66

Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 559

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Be Strong and Courageous
One Voice and Laudate

Dennis and Nan Allen

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

‡ 11:15

Spirit Divine
Chancel Choir
Jenny Hollenkamp, solo

Nancy Ruth Durance

*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

Nehemiah 2:11-16

(9:00) Christina Pfeiffer
(11:15) Gary Schooler

SERMON

Be the Church: Going Home

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Wesley Covenant Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Hymn 298

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;

love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Matthew Vanover, organ

arr. Max Reger

*indicates standing as you are able

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

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***Announcements are located on the following pages*

This Morning

The flowers have been placed on the altar this morning by Theresa Bondurant in memory of her parents, Mr and Mrs Russell Williams and sister, Cherrell Williams Rose.

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to Daneen Good on the death of her husband, Dick Good, who died September 16.

Christian sympathy is extended to Judy Lawhorn and Joyce Young on the death of Judy's mother, Margaret Lawhorn, who died on September 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Job Openings at Christ Church School

Two classroom teacher openings (one full-time and one part-time) are available. Inquiries may be sent to jobs@ccum.net or call the school at 897-3657.

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

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.

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:

Living the Words and Stories of the Bible | Four Sessions, October 9 - 30

Join professional directors/trainers Karen Kidd Lovett and Marilee Miller as they explore options for enriching your spoken presentations of the words of the Bible. Whatever your level of experience, you'll discover ways that you can bring deeper understanding and enthusiasm to your listeners.

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.

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/keepthefaitb.

October SAM Luncheon | 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! If you'd like to stay for a yummy **\$15 box lunch** from Gracious Plenty, register at ccum.net/SAM by 12 pm Friday, October 11.

YOUTH/CHILDREN

Trunk or Treat and Community Fun Night!

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

We need **30 Halloween-themed Decorated Car Trunks**, so sign your car up early to get a great spot for all the action! People of all ages and stages are welcome to compete for the Best Trunk 2024 bragging rights! We will supply the candy. Register 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

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.

Roll up your sleeve and join us for the next **Red Cross Blood Drive** on **Tuesday, October 1** from 1- 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please schedule an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Are you an **amateur photographer, videographer, reporter or story-teller**? We're looking for several people to **help us** capture and share the stories of Christ Church Cares Day. If you're interested, please email or text Kim Keller at kimkeller@ccum.net or 502.882-9697.

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.