

**Welcome to Christ UMC.** We are glad you are here!

Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance.

A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

**Safety Team Presentation After Worship** Join members of our Safety Team for an overview of our efforts to ensure well-being and safety at CUMC. Topics will include safety procedures, our teamwork approach with these matters, and opportunities to volunteer.

**Faith in Your Home for the Holidays** Join us today from 4:30-6:00pm in Wesley Hall for a special intergenerational workshop to help us all find ways to center faith in our home during the holidays. All ages from children to adults are encouraged to attend. Have you experienced awkward silence following a family meal prayer with guests? Is the commercial Christmas pushing into Thanksgiving and Advent in your life? Join us for conversation, practical tools (as well as a few crafts) to keep faith centered in our homes during the holidays.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders** It's time to order Christmas poinsettias from Christ UMC! These flowers will be on display in worship through Christmas Eve. Flowers may also be dedicated in memory or honor of someone. You may pick up your flowers after the 10pm worship on Sunday, December 24 or you may donate them to homebound and bereaved members. Each plant is \$20. Paper order forms are available at the front desk, or click the link on the homepage of our website to order.  
**Last day to order is November 20th.**

**Riverside Elementary Walking School Bus** Riverside Elementary is planning to start a Walking School Bus to help children from the nearby neighborhood have safe transportation to school each day. They are looking for adults who can commit to walking with a small group of students and staff, once or twice a week from 8:15-9:30 am. Contact Pastor Jenny if you're able to help.

**Third Sunday Forum: The Advent Blues November 19** For the Advent season this year, the blues musical tradition will be our guide through scriptural stories of resilience and hope as we prepare for the coming of Christ. You won't want to miss John Varona, Principal Organist for CUMC, talk about the music and play selections as he guides us through the blues! Please join us in the sanctuary at 10:15am.

**Community Thanksgiving Service November 21, 7pm** Join us for this annual event sharing gratitude and prayers for peace in our local community and the world. This year we'll gather in Wesley Hall for a shared time of music, prayers, conversation and fellowship. As part of our time together we'll enjoy pie and coffee and collect a special offering for Channel One. **Please contact the church office if you are able to donate pies (pumpkin, apple, or pecan, please do not use lard as they must be kosher and halal) or can help provide hospitality for the evening.**

**Volunteers Needed** We are in need of volunteers to help staff the front desk. Duties include answering phones, greeting visitors and helping the staff with administrative tasks. Computer proficiency is a big plus. Hours would be from 10am-2pm, however we always appreciate any time you can donate! For more info please contact Pastor Jenny or Pastor Kirkland.

**The Upper Room Disciplines 2024** The Upper Room Disciplines devotional book for 2024 is now available for purchase in the church office. Small print is \$13 and large print is \$16. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room, or \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle. Daily devotions, useful for individual or small group study with questions and suggestions for reflection.



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Thanks for worshipping with us!  
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you're here!



Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ followers for the transformation of the world



**9:00am Traditions Worship**

**November 12, 2023**

# Almost Sacraments: Everyday Ways We Encounter God's Grace



We welcome you and name the sacred power of the  
Wahpeton people on whose land we stand

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## Christ United Methodist Church

*With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we welcome people of all races, nationalities, theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect.*

**Prelude** "Meditation" Celebration Bells  
Michael Helman

**Welcome** Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

**+Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH 400  
vs. 1, 2, 3

**Welcoming New Members**  
Pamela Reynolds, Sherry White

**Children's Message** Jody Peterson

*Following the Children's Message, preschool aged children and children in elementary are invited to Sunday School in the Education Wing. Children may be picked up in their classrooms after worship.*

**Invitation to Give**

**Offertory Music** "We Praise You O God (KREMSER)" Celebration Bells  
arr David Angerman

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

**Hearing the Word** 1 Kings 19:1-8 Bob Heistand  
Luke 9:10-13

**Responding to the Word**

One: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message** "Foodies" Rev. Jenny Cannon

**Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and nonalcoholic grape juice. Gluten free also available .*

**Music During Communion** "One Bread, One Body" UMH 620

**\*Closing Hymn** "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" UMH 634

**Connections & Next Steps**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Psalm for God's People" John Varona, Organ  
Garry Cornell

\*indicates please stand as you are able

+Call to Worship by adapted from the liturgy of St. Lydia's Dinner Church

We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation after today's worship service  
You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude

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### Congregational Prayers

- For the family of Robert (Bob) Lee who died Nov. 2
- For the Francis family on the death of Jim's mother Barbara Nov. 6
- For the Mickelberg family on the loss of loved ones Eugene and Jennifer
  - For Ted Colescott in the hospital
- For the ministry of Family Promise providing support for unhoused families
  - For new members & connections in the congregation
  - For Veterans in recognition of Veteran's Day



If you would like to sponsor this ministry, please send an email to our Director of Operations, Jack Jefferson at [jack@cumethodist.com](mailto:jack@cumethodist.com). The 9am service airs Sundays @11:30am on KOLM radio 1520 AM.