

**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.

**Third Sunday Forum: The Advent Blues Today** 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, as he guides us through the blues with special guest David Townsend! Please join us in the sanctuary or [Zoom](#) 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.**

**Advent Organ Concert Series** Join us as we reflect on how blues music reflects the longing & hope of the Advent season. December 5, 12, 19 in the sanctuary & livestreamed on Facebook & Youtube.

**2023 Advent Devotional** This year's Advent devotional is Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent. Hard copies will be in the church office starting November 28th or contact Samantha at [samantha@cumethodist.com](mailto:samantha@cumethodist.com) to receive a weekly devotional email.

**We Are Hiring!** CUMC is hiring a Pastor of Congregational Care and an Audio Visual Technician. Learn more about these positions and apply at [cumethodist.com/career-opportunities](http://cumethodist.com/career-opportunities).

**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 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.**

**Christmas Anonymous Volunteers Needed** Christmas Anonymous is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of shifts both before & after store day (Dec 9th). Bring your muscle and your attitude and meet some other good humans! It doesn't happen without you! Sign up and learn more at [ChristmasAnonymous.org](http://ChristmasAnonymous.org). They also have a list of items needed, which is available to view at the visitors desk in the commons or online at [cumethodist.com/christmas-anonymous-donations](http://cumethodist.com/christmas-anonymous-donations).

**Zumbro Valley Medical Society Eye Clinic at CUMC December 2nd** Join ZVMS from 1-5pm for free eye exams, free optical care and free glasses. We are also hosting a donation drive through December 2nd. Glasses, glass cases, cleaner and reading glasses can be dropped off in the bin in the commons.

**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 Jack Jefferson, Director of Operations at [jack@cumethodist.com](mailto:jack@cumethodist.com).



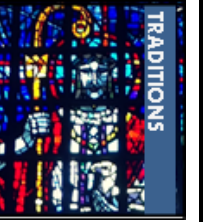
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Scan the QR code and let us know  
you're here!



Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ followers for the transformation of the world



**9:00am Traditions Worship**

**November 19, 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** " Now Thank We All Our God" John Varona, Organ  
Paul Manz

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

**+Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526

**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** "To Love Our God" Chancel Choir  
Mark Hayes & John Parker

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**\*+Prayer of Dedication**

### Our Friendships Show Us We Are...Known By God

**Hearing the Word** Psalm 139:1-6

**Reflection** Rev. Jenny Cannon

**Hymn** "In the Garden" UMH 314

**Prayer of Gratitude** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

### Forgiven By God

**Hearing the Word** Ephesians 4:25-32

**Reflection** Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

**Hymn** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

**+Prayers of Confession & Forgiveness**

### Not Alone

**Hearing the Word** Matthew 28:16-20

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

**Prayers of the People**

One: Lord in your love,  
All: Hear our prayers.

**\*Closing Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133

**Connections & Next Steps**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Nun danket alle Gott" John Varona, Organ  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\*indicates please stand as you are able

+Call to Worship adaption of Psalm 133 by Nan C. Merrill and published in Psalms for Praying

+Prayer of Dedication adapted from Carol Penner

+Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online  
<http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

"Thank you to our congregation who donated socks and toiletries so the Warming Center guests can have warm dry feet this winter." -Linda Hyde

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

### **Congregational Prayers**

- For the family of Lyla Hagemeyer who died November 12.
- For those who are missing loved ones as this holiday season approaches
  - For the beauty of Autumn sunsets
  - Gratitude for artists, musicians, dancers and actors



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. (\$60)