

**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.

**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 at 12:15pm 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.

**All Church Read and Study Book for Advent** Hope Is Here! by Luther E. Smith Jr. By interpreting hope and five spiritual practices for individuals & congregations to experience the power of hope, Hope Is Here! prepares us to engage racism, mass incarceration, environment crises, divisive politics, and indifference that imperil justice and beloved community. Group conversation will be held on Sundays, November 26, December 3, 10 and 17 from 4:30–6:00 pm in Room 145 and on Zoom. Books are available in the church office for \$15.00, or you can purchase the eBook on Kindle for \$11.49.

**UWF Cookie Orders** The time is here to place your order for Christmas. On Sundays, December 3rd & 10th, you can place your orders at our table in the Commons. During the week you can leave your order at the church office. The orders are by weight 1/2 pound (\$10), 1 pound (\$20), 1 1/2 pounds (\$30), 2 pounds (\$35) & Pantry Party Mix (\$9 per quart). There will be gluten free available also. **Orders need to be in by December 10th** & pick up on the 17th of December 8:30am to 12pm. Order forms will be in the Commons & the church office.

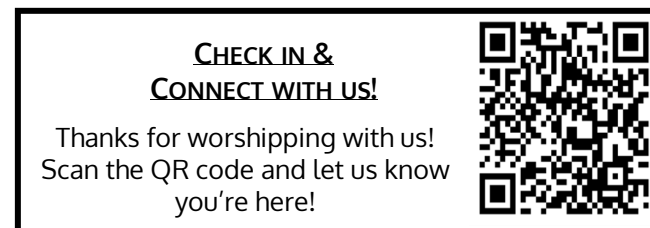
**Christmas Anonymous Volunteers Needed** Christmas Anonymous is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of shifts both before & after store day (Dec 9th). Bring your muscle and your attitude and meet some other good humans! It doesn't happen without you! Sign up and learn more at [ChristmasAnonymous.org](http://ChristmasAnonymous.org). 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).

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

**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).

**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.



**9:00am Traditions Worship**  
**November 26, 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	"Prelude In C" Georg Böhm	Brian Lundstrom Guest Organist
<b>Welcome</b>	Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds	
<b>Hymn Sing</b>		
<b>*Opening Hymn</b>	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	UMH 57 vs. 1, 2, 3, 7
<b>Prayer</b>	"For True Singing"	UMH 69
Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
<b>Children's Message</b>	Jody Peterson	
<b>Hearing the Word</b>	Ephesians 1:15-23	
<b>Meditation</b>	"Our Story and Our Song"	Rev. Jenny Cannon
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Blessed Assurance"	UMH 369
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>Prayer Response</b>	"Spirit of the Living God"	UMH 393
<b>Invitation to Give</b>		
<b>Offertory Music</b>	"A Pure Heart" Craig Courtney & Pamela Matin	Chancel Choir
<b>*Doxology</b>	"Give Thanks"	FWS 2036

## \*Prayer of Dedication

<b>Special Music</b>	"RUBRICS for Organ" Dan Locklair	Brian Lundstrom Guest Organist
<b>Hearing the Word</b>	Psalm 100	UMH 821 Response 1
<b>Video</b>	"All Creatures of Our God and King"	
<b>+Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"	UMH 68
<b>Connections &amp; Next Steps</b>		
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	"Carillon on 'Orientis Partibus' Arthur Wills	John Varona, Organ

\*indicates please stand as you are able

+Affirmation of Faith adapted from Calvin Institute for Christian Worship from "Our World Belongs to God," articles 1, 2, 6.

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 those traveling during the Thanksgiving holiday
  - Gratitude for the Rochester community
- Celebration of Native American Heritage Month
  - For peace and safety in Israel and Gaza



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)