



Christ United Methodist Church  
**Assembly Required: Commitment Sunday**  
 November 21, 2021  
 9:00am Traditions Worship

**Prelude** *Nun danket alle Gott* J.S. Bach  
 John Varona, Organ

**Welcome** Rev. Jenny Cannon

**Hymn** *What Gift Can We Bring* (vs.1-3) UMH 87

**Morning Prayer** Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

**Children's Message** Jody Peterson  
*Children and families are invited to use our weekly Children's Bulletin for special activities that connect with worship and the children's message*

**Welcoming Our New Members**  
*Please join in response on the screen*

**Hearing the Word** Romans 12:4-6a

**Anthem** *Make My Life an Alleluia*  
 Chancel Choir

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

**Stewardship Witness** Diane Ilstrup  
 Seth Nfonoyim-Hara

**Hearing the Word** Acts 2:37-47

**Message** "What We Must Do"  
 Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

**Presenting Our Gifts & Commitments**  
*We invite you to come and share your gifts in baskets around the Sanctuary*

**Musical Offering** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*  
 Chancel Choir

**Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
 UMH 94

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

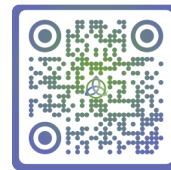
**Hymn** *All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded* (vs. 1,3,4) UMH 132

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach  
 John Varona, Organ

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

**SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE:**



Give in-person in the Narthex after the service  
 or online at [cumethodist.com/give](http://cumethodist.com/give)

**Congregational Prayers:**

For those who are working for peace with justice in Belarus, Haiti and Kenosha

For those who are ill and for amazing health care workers  
 Thanksgiving for new members and newcomers

For the opportunity to rededicate ourselves and our gifts

**Join our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00pm.** We will join together with leaders and a choir from many congregations for worship and Thanksgiving.



**Ministry Updates:**

- **November Third Sunday Forum: Chrismons, Carols, and Countdowns - 10:00am in the Hamline Room.** Join Pastor Jenny for a conversation about traditional and creative ways of celebrating the Advent season together for all ages.
- **Visit the UMW Cookie table** in the commons after the service! You'll be able to fill out a small form and order handmade cookies by weight. Pick up will be December 12th from 8:30-11am or curbside pickup from 2-3pm. All proceeds will go to the worldwide ministries of the United Methodist Women.
- **Christmas Poinsettia orders are here!** Poinsettia order forms can be found in the online at [tinyurl.com/CUMC-poinsettias-2021](http://tinyurl.com/CUMC-poinsettias-2021) or in the church office. Please submit your orders in memory or honor by end of day December 7th.
- **Advent Bible Study begins Sundays starting November 28th at 10:00am in the Fireside Room or Tuesdays starting November 30th on Zoom.** Advent Bible Study: As part of our Advent season Pastors Jenny and Kirkland are hosting a 4-week Bible study exploring how each of the four Gospels introduces the person of Jesus. Contact the church office for more info and join us at the Bible Study! Zoom link for Tuesday meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

Church Office: 507.289.4019

- Lead Pastor:** Rev. Jenny Cannon\*\* ext. 207  
**Executive Pastor:** Rev. Kirkland Reynolds\*\* ext. 209  
**Minister for Congregational Care:** Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon\*\* ext. 205  
**Director of Operations:** Jack Jefferson\* ext. 202  
**Director of Communications:** Oliver Books\* ext. 203  
**Building Manager:** Kent Nymann\* ext. 206  
**Interim Youth Coordinator:** Rev. Amanda Larsen\*\*  
**Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Jody Peterson\*  
**Custodian:** Julie Plunkett  
**Director of Music:** Kalle Akkerman\*  
**Adult Choir:** Rev. Beth Joyner\*  
**Arise! Music Director:** Oliver Books\*  
**Principal Organist:** John Varona\*  
**Handbell Ensemble Directors:** Paul Kingsbury (adults)\*  
 & Kari Hanson (children)\*  
**Children's Choir Director:** Karla Sukov\*  
**Sunday Morning Tech:** Brent Sorgenfrie, Martin Gardner, Joel Ott  
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## Sunday November 21, 2021 Stewardship Commitment Sunday

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ Third Sunday Forum (Hamline)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (ECC)
- 4:30pm ~ Youth Group

## Monday November 22, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 11:15am ~ Monday Men's Discussion Group (Zoom)

## Tuesday November 23, 2021

- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- ~ UMW Quilters (Wesley Hall)
- 6:00pm ~ Interfaith Thanksgiving Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00pm ~ Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)

## Wednesday November 24, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

## Thursday November 25, 2021

no events building closed

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## Friday November 26, 2021

no events building closed

## Saturday November 27, 2021

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals (Prep at CUMC, serve at the Landing)

## Sunday November 28, 2021 Stewardship Commitment Sunday

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (ECC)
- 4:30pm ~ Youth Group

Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story  
ADVENT 2021 CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**November 28:**  
Advent decorating after 9 & 11am services  
Advent Wreath kits distributed

**November 30, December 7, 14, & 21:**  
Noon Advent Organ Concert Series

**December 5:**  
10am Chrismon Workshop

**December 15:**  
7pm Service of Lessons & Carols with Chancel Choir

**December 19:**  
9am Children's Pageant  
11am Youth Pageant  
3pm Longest Night Worship



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 Sunday @11:30AM on KOLM radio. 1520 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- **Charge Conference on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 12pm.** In the United Methodist Church, clergy salaries and compensation are set annually by the charge conference, which is a meeting that invites all Christ UMC members to attend and participate. Voting members of the charge conference include Leadership Board members and clergy. The conference agenda will focus on the 2022 compensation for Pastors Jenny Cannon, Kirkland Reynolds, and Nancy Wheeler Handlon. Rev. Gary Lueck will preside.
- **United Methodist Student Day Special Offering, Sunday, Nov. 28.** United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support UM students in achieving their educational goals. Donations to this offering support UM scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gift help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom. To make a special gift, note UM Student Day with your donation or give online at [cumethodist.com](http://cumethodist.com).
- **We're Hiring! Apply Today to Join Our Team.** Christ UMC is hiring for our Director of Youth Ministries position, which is 30 hours per week. The Director of Youth Ministries supports CUMC's mission by fostering an engaging, fun, safe and inclusive environment for youth faith formation. Head to [cumethodist.com/career-opportunities](http://cumethodist.com/career-opportunities) to view the position description and apply.
- **We are looking for members of CUMC who want to help champion and care for the church's vision, values and mission, and to openly discuss and approve significant church decisions.** Applications are due by November 23, 2021. Learn about the Leadership Board's guiding principle and covenant, and view the application: <https://www.cumethodist.com/leadership-board-documents>.
- **Through November and December CUMC will serve as a collection site for the Period Equity Project** which partners with community groups to distribute menstruation supplies to people in need. Be on the lookout for a collection box in the commons and stay tuned for more information.
- **Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers:** Small-scale, locally owned businesses create communities that are more prosperous, connected, and generally better-off across a wide range of metrics. When we buy from independent, locally owned businesses, rather than national chains, a significantly greater portion of our money is then cycled back through our local economy — to make purchases from our friends' businesses, to aid our neighbors in need, and to support our local farms — ultimately strengthening the base of our whole community.



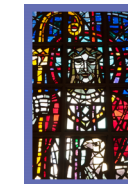
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Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story  
Christmas Eve at Christ United Methodist Church

**December 23:**  
5pm Christmas Pre-Eve Service in the ECC

**December 24: Christmas Eve Services**

- 12pm - Contemplative Worship
- 4pm - Children's Worship
- 7pm - Festival Worship
- 10pm - Communion Worship



## Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ Followers  
for the transformation of the world.

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Christ United Methodist Church 2022 Stewardship Campaign

Many gifts, one Spirit,  
one love known in many ways.  
In our difference is blessing,  
from diversity we praise  
one Giver, one Lord, one Word  
known in many ways, hallowing our days.  
For the Giver and the Gifts,  
praise, praise, praise!

Al Carmines

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

*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.*

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