



Christ United Methodist Church
First Sunday in Advent
 November 28, 2021
 9:00am Traditions Worship

Prelude John Varona, Organ

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon

Call to Worship
 adapted from Joanna Harder <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Dick and Kathy Estry

Sung Response
 I am walking a path of hope
 Lead me home

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

Hearing the Word Psalm 25: 1-10
read bold selections responsively

1-2 I offer my life to you, lord. My God I trust you. Please don't let me be put to shame! Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

3 For that matter, don't let anyone who hopes in you be put to shame; instead lead those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

4 Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth- teach it to me- because you are the God who saves me. I put my hope in you all day long.

6 Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love- they are forever!

7 But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing. Remember me only according to your faithful love for the sake of your goodness, Lord.

8 The Lord is good and does the right thing; God teaches sinners the way they should go.

9 God guides the weak to justice, teaching them God's way. 10 All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep God's covenant and laws.

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music *Savior of the Nations, Come*
 Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1, 2, 6)* UMH 211

Hearing the Word John 1:1-5

Message "Thresholds: The Gospel of John"
 Rev. Jenny Cannon

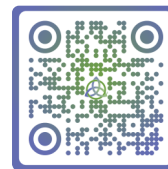
Hymn *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* UMH 132

Benediction

Postlude John Varona, Organ

Thank you for worshipping with us!

SCAN TO GIVE ONLINE:



Give in-person in the Narthex after the service
 or online at cumethodist.com/give

Congregational Prayers:

For the people of Waukesha, WI & Brunswick, GA

Prayers for peace and healing within our nation

For Hilde De Wit's sister in Germany

For Michelle Paopao in hospice, her husband Mike Skillern and daughter Maddie

For those who are traveling for the holiday

For indigenous people and communities

Ministry Updates:

- **Advent packages are available starting today!** These contain Advent Devotionals written by the congregation and staff of Christ UMC and an advent wreath. If you know someone who can't make it to church today, no problem! They will be available for pickup from the church office anytime during business hours. If you need us to deliver, let us know! We can get them to you. *Also today we will decorate our spaces after both services!*
- **Advent Bible Study begins today! Sundays at 10:00am in the Fireside Room or Tuesdays at 7:00pm 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>
- **United Methodist Student Day Special Offering, Sunday, Nov. 28.** 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/give.

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Sunday November 28, 2021 *First Sunday in Advent*

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- ~ Greening the Church
- ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
- ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (ECC)
- 12:00pm ~ Greening the Church
- 4:30pm ~ Youth Group (Youth Room)

Monday November 29, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open (Commons)
- 10:00am ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 11:15am ~ Monday Men's Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday November 30, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open (Commons)
- 12:00pm ~ Advent Organ Recital (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- ~ UMW Quilters (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00pm ~ Advent Bible Study (Zoom)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Wednesday December 1, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open (Commons)
- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 5:30pm ~ Children's Pageant Music Rehearsal
- 6:00pm ~ Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- ~ Confirmation
- ~ Celebration Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00pm ~ Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

Thursday December 2, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open (Commons)
- ~ Men's Coffee Group (Fireside)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 1:00pm ~ Women's Book Group (Room 135)
- 4:00pm ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 7:00pm ~ Circle 4 Meeting (WebEx)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

Friday December 3, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open (Commons)

Saturday December 4, 2021

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals (Prep at CUMC, serve at the Landing)
- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Donation Center Open (Commons)
- 6:00pm ~ Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert (Sanctuary)

Sunday December 5, 2021 *Second Sunday in Advent*

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



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- **Next Sunday at 10am we are hosting a Chrismon Crafting Workshop.** Our church has a long history of telling the Christmas story through the "Chrismon" tree. On December 5 you will be able to create a couple of these symbolic ornaments for your own tree.
- **In keeping with our "Thresholds" theme we invite you to share photos of your Nativity scenes.** Please include any notes about where they are from, or what special meaning they have to you. Send photos to oliver@cumethodist.com
- **Christmas Poinsettia orders are here!** Poinsettia order forms can be found in the online at tinyurl.com/CUMC-poinsettias-2021 or in the church office. Please submit your orders in memory or honor by end of day December 7th.
- **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.
- **Christ UMC is hosting Christmas Anonymous again this December.** Christmas Anonymous has served the Rochester community for more than 50 years, helping families and people in need in Olmsted county have a wonderful Christmas. To learn more about donating Christmas gifts or volunteering with Christmas Anonymous, visit christmasanonymous.org.
- **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:** Food waste—both corporate and personal—is the #3 cause of greenhouse gas. Composting food scraps allows you to fill the land with nutrients and avoid the landfill. Explore your options for composting: industrial composting services, shared compost locations, backyard bins of several types, bokashi methods, vermicomposting, and in-home devices.

Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story Christmas Eve and Pre Eve Worship

December 23:

5pm Christmas Pre-Eve Service in the ECC

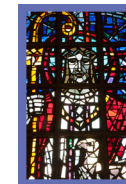
December 24: Christmas Eve Services

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.

9:00am Traditions Worship ~ November 28, 2021



Thresholds by Maggie Smith

You want a door you can be
on both sides of at once.

You want to be
on both sides of here

and there, now and then,
together and—(what

did we call the life
we would wish back?

The old life? The before?)
alone. But any open

space may be
a threshold, an arch

of entering and leaving.
Crossing a field, wading

through nothing
but timothy grass,

imagine yourself passing from
and into. Passing through

doorway after
doorway after doorway.

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.**