

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.

You may find a full list of our Advent and Christmas events on our website cumethodist.com

Advent Organ Concert Series Join us December 12 and 19 at 12:15pm in the sanctuary & livestreamed on [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) as organist John Varona shares music of the season.

Giving Tree This year we are collecting items for the Resource Room of the Rochester Alternative Learning Center. You may take an ornament from the tree and bring the requested unwrapped items back through December 31st.

2023 Advent Devotional This year's Advent Devotional is called Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent & will include scripture, reflections and poetry selections. Hard copies are in the church office or email Samantha (samantha@cumethodist.com) to receive the weekly devotional by email.

All Church Read and Study Book for Advent Group conversation will be held today and December 17 from 4:30–6:00 pm in Room 145 & 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 Today is the last day to place your cookie orders at the UWF table in the Commons. 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). Gluten free also available. Pick up on December 17th from 8:30am to 12pm. Order forms in the Commons & church office.

Theology on Brew Join Pastor Jenny, Pastor Kirkland, and friends from CUMC on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm at 507 (Pub)lic House at 304 1st Ave SW for a time of connecting and conversation. Young and young-at-heart adults are welcome.

Save the Date! You are invited to celebrate Pastor Nancy's retirement on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Starting with the 9am service, we will celebrate with Pastor Nancy and Chuck in worship and during a reception and open house from 10am-12:30pm. We also invite you to share tributes and words of appreciation for Pastor Nancy. Please share your affirmations through this weblink: <https://tinyurl.com/pastornancyaffirmations>.

Special Offering We are also collecting a love offering dedicated to Pastor Nancy that will support the CUMC Foundation. You may note "Love Offering" with your gift or choose "Love Offering" from the giving options at cumethodist.com/give.

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

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 \$15. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room, or \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle.



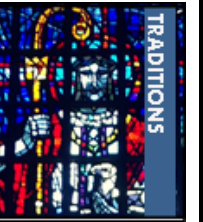
LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
December 17, 3pm
CUMC Chapel
FOR THOSE WHO FIND THE HOLIDAYS DIFFICULT, WE PRESENT A SERVICE OF MUSIC, CANDLELIGHT, PRAYER AND HOPE FOLLOWED BY COFFEE AND COOKIES IN THE HAMLINE ROOM. LED BY THE PASTORS AND CARE VISITOR MINISTRY TEAM.

CHECK IN & CONNECT WITH US!
Thanks for worshipping with us! 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

December 10, 2023



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 "Oh How Joyfully" Celebration Bells
Cathy Moglebust

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

+Morning Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candles Ballard Family

Sung response to the tune of UMH 420
Kindle the light of peace. May it be bright and true.
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.
Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.

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 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" Celebration Bells
Cathy Moglebust

***Doxology** "Give Thanks" FWS 2036

***Prayer of Dedication**

Hearing the Word Isaiah 40:1-11 Nan Whitcomb

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Hearing the Word Mark 1:1-8

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.

***Hymn** "Toda la Tierra" UMH 210
vs. 1, 3, 4

Message "Out of the Blue: Songs of Peace" Rev. Jenny Cannon

+Affirmation of Faith

***Closing Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" To the tune of UMH 211
Updated lyrics by Maren Tirabassi

Connections & Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "Old Hundredth" John Varona, Organ
Gerald Kemner

*indicates please stand as you are able

+Morning Prayer by Jamie Norwich McLenna

+Affirmation of Faith adapted from Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison

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 peace in the Middle East
- For those seeking a closer relationship with God
 - For Christmas Anonymous guests
 - For a heart of compassion and respect for others
- Prayers for the Saturday/Sunday Noon Meal taking place today in Wesley Hall



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 Sundays @11:30am on KOLM radio 1520 AM.