

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 5, 12, 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 will collect items for the Resource Room of the Rochester Alternative Learning Center. You may take an ornament from the tree and bring the requested items back through December 31st.

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



CHRISMON WORKSHOP

Today from 10am-11am in the Commons, kids will have an opportunity to make Chrismons to decorate our tree in the Commons and to make an Advent ornament craft that they can add to each week.

All Church Read and Study Book for Advent Group conversation will be held on Sundays, 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. 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. **Orders need to be in by December 10th** & pick up on December 17th from 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). Sign up and learn more at 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.


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 \$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.



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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 3, 2023



out of the
BLUE
an advent series
Hope

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 "My Lord, What a Morning" John Varona, Organ
African American Spiritual

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon, Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Opening Hymn** "People, Look East" UMH 202

+Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Larry and Gwen Scilley
To the tune of UMH 420

Verse 1
Kindle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.
Verse 2
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

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music "Savior of the Nations, Come" Chancel Choir
David Bridges and Carol Poston

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Hearing the Word Isaiah 2:1-5 Steve Schlasner
Mark 13:24-37

Responding to the Word

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.

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

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and nonalcoholic grape juice. Gluten free also available.

Music During Communion "Blues Music" John Varona, Organ

***Closing Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

Connections & Next Steps

Benediction

Postlude "People, Look East!" John Varona, Organ
French Carol

*indicates please stand as you are able

+Advent Candle liturgy adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, General Board of Discipleship

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

- Gratitude for our connection with United Methodist Churches around the globe
 - For World Aids Day observed on December 1
 - For the family of Mr. Lynn Behnke who died November 26
 - For students studying for exams
- For Suzi Mueller on the death of her mother, Frances Friedrich, on November 29th



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.