

Order of Worship

PRELUDE “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” Celebration Bells
Ron Mallory

WELCOME Rev. Jenny Cannon &
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***HYMN** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” UMH 211
vs. 1,2,6,7

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
a million times a day we have the opportunity to be gracious,
to assume the best in others,
to give the benefit of the doubt.
A million times a day we could choose the better way,
but so often we don't.
Fear and greed kick in.
Assumptions and insecurities take the wheel.
Comparison and critique lead the charge.
Forgive us for forgetting that we are descendants of Joseph.
Forgive us for forgetting that grace and mercy are in our blood.
Forgive us for forgetting that all belong to you.
Give us the courage to love even bigger than before,
and the wisdom to choose a better way.
Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Advent Candle Lighting The Lawson Family

Welcoming New Members Fran Field, Ellen Webb

Children's Choir Karla Sukov

Children's Message Jody Peterson

After the children's message, Pre-K - 3rd graders (and 4th - 5th grade helpers) may join Ms. Jody for Sunday school. Nursery care is available for 5 and under in the Nursery.

Invitation to Give

*DOXOLOGY

What Gift Can We Bring, V. 4:
This gift we now bring this present this token
These words can convey it the joy of this day
When grateful we come remembering rejoicing
This song we now offer in honor and praise

Musical Offering “I Wonder As I Wander” Celebration Bells
trad arr Brian Childers Karla Sukov, oboe
John Varona, piano

HEARING THE WORD Isaiah 35:1-10 Nolan Reynolds

Pastoral Prayer

HEARING THE WORD Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

“From Generation to Generation: We Can Choose a Better Way”
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Affirmation of Faith

***HYMN** “Blessed Be the God of Israel” UMH 209

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Prelude and Fugue in G Minor “ John Varona
Johann Sebastian Bach

You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude
Join us after worship in the Commons for fellowship

Pastoral Prayer by Rev. Sarah Speed
* indicates you may stand as you are able

Congregational Prayers

- For the people of Ukraine
- For Christmas Anonymous recipients
- For Sunday school children and teachers
- For District Superintendent Cynthia Williams as she transitions to the Twin Cities District
- And for our new District Superintendent Michelle Hargrave
- Prayers for the family of Rev. Lyle Lieder who died December 6th

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Announcements

Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

Thank you to all who have already made a pledge to the 2023 budget as part of our Do-Gooders campaign. We are still receiving pledge cards in the office or through the online pledge on our website (cumethodist.com/give). We invite you to join us for fellowship after today's worship service for coffee.

Children in Worship. Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance.

Our nursery is adjacent to the church office. There are always two adults in our nursery. You may stay with your child if you like.

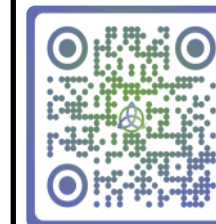
Advent Small Group Study Sundays Running through Sunday, Dec. 18 from 5-6pm in Room 145 and on Zoom, we will be looking at the book “The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope” by Kelly Nikondeha. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$19. Scholarships available. “The First Advent in Palestine” will also be discussed during in person CU Wednesday Crossroads conversations for adults on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Join the Sunday evening discussion group in person or on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>

Giving Tree for Thrive & Saturday Noon Meals In our commons we are hosting a Giving Tree to support Thrive and our newly returned Saturday Noon Meals in Wesley Hall! Take an ornament with a list of items and return those to the CUMC office before Christmas Eve. Check out the Thrive Facebook page for additional ways to support their Target and Amazon wish lists.

The Flower Ministry is in need of volunteers for delivering 60 plus poinsettias to shut-in and bereaved members on Tuesday December 27 at 9:00 am. Please contact Kathy Davis at 507-269-7287 or kadavis2220@gmail.com if you are able to help. We also need boxes for the plants. You may drop them off in the church office. Thank you for supporting this caring ministry.

Kliewer Reception Rose and Hank Kliewer invite you to a reception for their son, Brad Kliewer, who died November 9. The reception is informal and will be held in the commons Saturday, December 17. Drop in anytime between 2:30 PM and 5:00 PM.

SCAN TO GIVE



To scan a QR code, use your cell phone camera, aim at the picture (left), and tap the link that appears. No special software is necessary with most devices. Give in-person or online at cumethodist.com/give

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The 2023 Upper Room Disciplines Daily Devotional is now available for purchase in the church office. Small print is \$10 and large print is \$12. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room and \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle.

Advent Organ Concert Series Our Advent Organ Concert series has begun! Join us Tuesdays at 12:15 in person or on Facebook & YouTube, Dec. 13 and 20th. Previous concerts can be found on our YouTube.

Saturday Noon Meals Saturday Noon Meals has begun serving meals in person in Wesley Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please [contact](#) Kathy Lombardo.

Thrift on Fifth Thrift on Fifth will be open less frequently than usual in December in order to make room for Christmas Anonymous and to celebrate the weekend holidays. Please check out our December calendar, which can be found in the church office and in the store. Recent donations have been really wonderful. Shop early!

Greeter Interested in serving as part of our Greeter team on Sunday mornings? Please [contact](#) Linda Hyde

Longest Night Service Please join us in person and online Sunday, December 18 at 4pm for a service of word, music, candles, and peace for anyone who finds the holiday season difficult

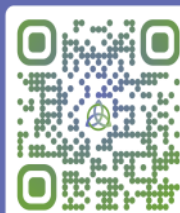


If you would like to sponsor this ministry, please send an email to our Director of Operations, Jack Jefferson at jack@cumethodist.com. The 9am service airs Sundays @11:30am on KOLM radio 1520 AM. (\$55)

More information about worship, ministries, giving, and all the goings on here at Christ United Methodist Church on our website cumethodist.com

For staff and contact information, scan the QR Code (right) or head to cumethodist.com/church-staff

Staff & Contact



Sunday, December 11, 2022

- 8:30am ~ Nursery Opens - available until 12:30pm
- 9:00am ~ Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
~ Sunday School (9am & 11am)
- 10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146 & Zoom)
~ Children's Activity & Parent Meeting
- 10:15am ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145 & Zoom)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship (ECC)
- 3:00pm ~ Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm ~ Youth Group
- 5:00pm ~ Advent Small Group (Room 145 & Zoom)

Monday, December 12, 2022

- 11:15am ~ Men's Book Study & Mutual Support (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

- 12:15pm ~ Advent Organ Concert (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm ~ Covenant Discipleship Group (Zoom)
- 1:00pm ~ UWF Quilters (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00pm ~ Thrive Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

- 8:30am ~ Monthly Breakfast Fellowship (Offsite)
- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 1:30pm ~ Women's Study Group (Zoom)
- 5:00pm ~ CU Wednesday (till 7:30pm)
- 5:30pm ~ Dinner in Wesley Hall- All Ages
- 7:00pm ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00pm ~ Evening Prayers Live (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Thursday, December 15, 2022

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (145 and Zoom)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Discipleship Group (Zoom)
~ UWF Circle 2 (Fireside)
- 10:00am ~ Prayer Chain Meeting
- 1:00pm ~ Women's Book Group (145)
- 1:30pm ~ Ruth Circle Meeting (Fireside)
- 4:00pm ~ Arise Band Rehearsal (ECC)
- 6:00pm ~ Leadership Board Meeting
- 7:00pm ~ UWF Circle 4 (Online)

Friday, December 16, 2022

- 9:30am ~ UWF Book Group (Fireside)

Saturday, December 17, 2022

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals Prep
- 9:00am ~ Thrift On Fifth (Until 12pm)
- 9:00am ~ UWF Christmas Cookie Prep
- 12:00pm ~ Saturday Noon Meals
- 2:30pm ~ Brad Kliewer Memorial Reception



9:00am Traditions Worship December 11, 2022



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