



Christ United Methodist Church
Second Sunday in Advent
 December 12, 2021
 9:00am Traditions Worship

Prelude *O Come Let Us Adore Him* arr. A. Sherman
 Celebration Bells

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon

Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

Morning Prayer (unison) Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon
 God of peace,
 Fill our hearts to rejoice in you always,
 make us gentle toward everyone
 and forgive us our failings.
 Keep us from being anxious about anything—
 help us to ask you for what we need
 with thanksgiving;
 and let your peace
 guard our hearts and minds
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy The Baretto Family

Sung Response
 I am walking a path of hope (x3)
 Lead me home (x2)
 I am walking a path of peace (x3)
 Lead me home (x2)
 I am walking a path of joy (x3)
 Lead me home (x2)

Baptism
 Today we celebrate the baptism of Kennah Mae Erie, born July 9, 2021 to
 parents Megan & Matt Erie. Godparent: Callee Erie

Congregational Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you
 And we welcome you in Christian love.
 As members together with you in the body of Christ
 And in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
 We renew our covenant
 Faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
 By our prayers, our presence,
 Our gifts, our service, and our witness,
 That in everything God may be glorified
 Through Jesus Christ.

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 Isaiah 12:1-6

Invitation to Give
Offertory Music *Bethlehem Dreams* arr Linda R Lamb
 Celebration Bells

Pastoral Prayer

Hearing the Word Mark 1:1-11

Message "Thresholds: The Gospel of Mark"
 Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Affirmation of Faith (unison, words on the screen)

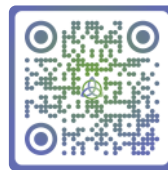
Hymn *Toda la Tierra* UMH 210

Benediction

Postlude *Carillon On 'orientis Partibus'* Arthur Willis
 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

Congregational Prayers:

For those who suffer from the cold and need shelter

For those who are experiencing infertility

Gratitude for music which touches our hearts and connects us with God

For the families lost in the truck accident in Mexico

For the Grove UMC

For Marick Mercer & family

Ministry Updates:

- December 14, & 21 at 12:15pm Tuesday Advent Organ Recitals John Varona and guests will lead seasonal favorites.
- December 15 -7pm Service of Lessons and Carols Join us for this Wednesday evening musical feast. Our choir will sing, our bells will ring, and we will explore the meaning of the season through song and scripture.
- December 19 - 9am Children's Pageant & 11am Youth Pageant Both programs tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The 9:00 service will have younger children singing, ringing and acting out the traditional Christmas story. The 11:00 service will have our youth presenting "The Chosen One," a Christmas play that looks at challenges faced by people (and vegetables) asked to do a hard task.
- December 19 - 3pm Longest Night Service The Advent and Christmas season can be a difficult time. The Longest Night Service is a service of meditation, healing, and hope.
- Our programming for children and youth will take a break December 22-January 1. Youth group resumes January 2 and CU Wednesdays start back up on January 6. Watch for more creative opportunities in January for children, youth and families!
- Worship December 26th - We will hold a single worship service on December 26 at 10 am in our sanctuary.

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Sunday December 12, 2021 *Third Sunday in Advent*

- 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

Monday December 13, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 11:15am ~ Monday Men's Book Study & Mutual Support (Zoom)

Tuesday December 14, 2021

- 12:00pm ~ Advent Organ Recital (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
~ UMW Quilters (Wesley Hall)
- 7:00pm ~ Advent Bible Study (Zoom)
~ Thrive Board Meeting
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Wednesday December 15, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 5:30pm ~ Children's Pageant Music Rehearsal
- 6:00pm ~ Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 7:00pm ~ *Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary & Livestream)*

Thursday December 16, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (Fireside)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
~ UMW Circle 2 (Fireside)
- 10:30am ~ Circle 8 (Fireside)
- 1:00pm ~ Women's Book Group (Room 135)
- 1:30pm ~ Ruth Circle (Fireside)
- 4:00pm ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 7:00pm ~ Circle 4 Meeting (WebEx)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

Friday December 17, 2021

- 9:00am ~ UMW Book Group (Fireside)

Saturday December 18, 2021

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals (Prep at CUMC, serve at the Landing)
- 9:30am ~ Rehearsal for Children's Pageant
- 3:30pm ~ Schindelar/Hurley Wedding

Sunday December 19, 2021 *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

- 9:00am ~ *Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary) Children's Pageant*
- 10:00am ~ Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)
~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 11:00am ~ *Arise Worship Service (ECC) Youth Pageant*
- 3:00pm ~ *Longest Night Service*
- 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

- 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 Delivery - We are looking for volunteers to help deliver poinsettias Tuesday December 28th. For more information on delivery contact Kathy Davis at kadavis2220@gmail.com
- Advent Bible Study continues today! Sundays at 10:00am in the Fireside Room or Tuesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom. As part of our Advent season Pastors Jenny and Kirkland are hosting a Bible study exploring how each of the four Gospels introduces the person of Jesus. Zoom link for Tuesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>
- Thrift on Fifth is pausing to join you in celebrating Advent, Christmas, and New Year's, and to re-group for indoor sales starting in late January. We would appreciate it if you would pause your donations as well, or give them to other worthy organizations. Thanks and stay tuned for our January plans.
- Through 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. Collection in the commons.
- Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers: Businesses have a greater impact toward a more sustainable future than individuals. But each of us can have an impact on businesses. When you need to make a purchase, shop for the company not just the product. Support businesses that practice sustainability in their products and production. Purchase from ones that care and give back.

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

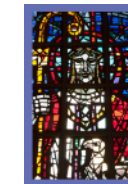
December 19:
9am Children's Pageant
11am Youth Pageant
3pm Longest Night Worship

Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story
Christmas 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

December 26:
10am Single Service in the Sanctuary



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Creating committed Christ Followers
for the transformation of the world.

9:00am Traditions Worship ~ December 12, 2021

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman,
The Work of Christmas

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.