

Order of Worship

PRELUDE "Angels We Have Heard On High" Jubilee Bells

WELCOME Rev. Jenny Cannon &
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***HYMN** "Once in Royal David's City" UMH 250
vs. 1,2,4

Advent Candle Lighting Westfall Family

Musical Offering "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Progression Bells

Invitation to Give

Musical Offering "Every Valley" Chancel Choir
by John Ness Beck

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 234

"O Come All Ye Faithful" V. 3: w/chorus
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory
In the highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Children's Christmas Pageant *SEE INSERT

Words of Thanks and Blessing

Musical Offering "Joy to the World" Jubilee Bells
Maddie Davis, Flute

***Hymn** "Joy to the World" UMH 246
vs. 1,2

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Joy to the World" John Varona

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 those who are working for peace
- For those who show kindness to strangers
- For those seeking to know God
- For those who find the Christmas season difficult

Christ United Methodist Church Christmas Eve/ Day Schedule

Friday, December 23

7:00pm Contemporary Christmas Pre-Eve Service

The Arise Band will play Christmas favorites and we will host an early Christmas Eve Service in the ECC featuring a time of candle lighting.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

12:00pm Contemplative Service

4:00pm Family Service

7:00pm Traditional Service

10:00pm Communion Service

The 4pm and 7pm services will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday, December 25
(Comfy clothes & PJ's welcome!)

10:00am Lessons and Carols



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)

Announcements

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

We invite you to join us for fellowship after today's worship service for coffee. Carmel rolls will be available for purchase to support the Appalachian Service Project.

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.

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

UWF Cookie Order Pickup Today! Remember to visit the UWF cookie table today until 12pm to pick up your Christmas cookie orders.

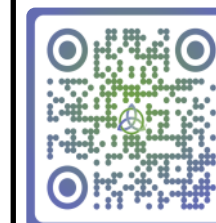
Ushers are needed for the Christmas services. The sign up sheet is in the ushers closet or you can contact Kathy Davis kadavis2220@gmail.com

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.

Advent Organ Concert Series The last Advent Organ Concert series is upon us! Join us Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 12:15 in person or on Facebook & YouTube. Previous concerts can be found on our YouTube.

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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

Announcements

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.

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.

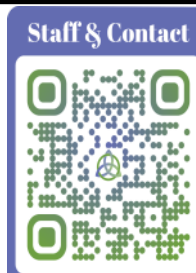
Thrift on Fifth Remember to check our December calendar to be sure we'll be open when you visit. Thank you for your generous donations and your loyalty and support as shoppers during the past year. All of us would like to wish all of you joy in this season of Advent and Christmas and peace, health, and wishes come true in the New Year!

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>

Office Closed In observance of the Christmas holiday, the church office and building will be closed on Monday, December 26. Please contact Jack Jefferson, Director of Operations, with any questions or for scheduling events.

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



Sunday, December 18, 2022

- 8:30am ~ Nursery Opens - available until 12:30pm
- ~ UWF Christmas Cookie Pickup
- 9:00am ~ Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- ~ Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
- ~ Sunday School (9am & 11am)
- 10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146 & Zoom)
- ~ ASP Caramel Roll Fundraiser
- ~ Thrift on Fifth Open (closes at 11am)
- 10:15am ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145 & Zoom)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship (ECC)
- ~ Youth Christmas Pageant (ECC)
- 4:00pm ~ Longest Night Service (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm ~ Youth Group
- 5:00pm ~ Advent Small Group (Room 145 & Zoom)

Monday, December 19, 2022

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

- 12:15pm ~ Advent Organ Concert (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm ~ Covenant Discipleship Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 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 22, 2022

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (145 and Zoom)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Discipleship Group (Zoom)
- 1:00pm ~ Women's Book Group (145)
- 4:00pm ~ Arise Band Rehearsal (ECC)
- 7:00pm ~ UWF Circle 4 (Online)

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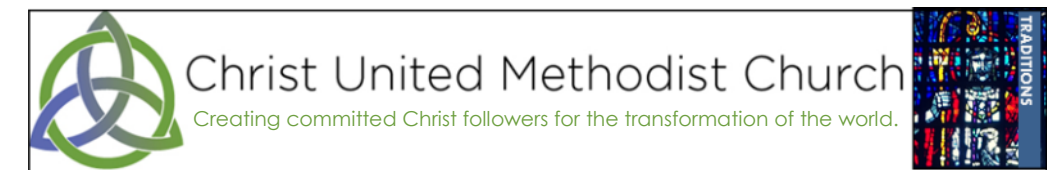
- 10:00am ~ Rug Hooking Group (140/141)
- ~ Women and the Sacred (145)
- 7:00pm ~ Christmas Pre Eve Contemporary Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals Prep
- 12:00pm ~ Saturday Noon Meals
- ~ Christmas Eve Contemplative Service
- 4:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Family Service
- 7:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Traditional Service
- 10:00pm ~ Christmas Eve Communion Service

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- 10:00am ~ Christmas Day Lessons & Carols (Comfy clothes & PJ's welcome)



9:00am Traditions Worship December 18, 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