



Christ United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday in Advent
 December 19, 2021
 9:00am Traditions Worship

Prelude *Angels We Have Heard on High*
 Jubilee Bells

Welcome Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Call to Worship Rev. Jenny Cannon

One: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

All: And our spirits rejoice in you.

One: We will praise you as long as we live.

All: We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

One: We trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

All: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

adapted from Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith.

Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* (v. 1, 2, 4) UMH 250

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love
 Mike Skillern & Madeleine Paopao Skillern

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)

I am walking a path of love (x3)

Lead me home (x2)

Welcoming Our New Members

Welcome to our new members
 The Soiney Family and the Holman Family.
 Please join in response on the screen.

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music *Ding Dong Merrily On High* trad
 Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon
adapted from John W. Vest, and posted on John Vest. <http://johnvest.com/>
 from Joanna Harader, and posted on *Spacious Faith* and from *Feasting on the Word Advent Companion*
 David L. Bartlett, Barbara Brown Taylor and Kimberly Bracken Long, editors

Lord's Prayer

Setting the Story Thresholds: The Gospel of Luke
 Rev. Jenny Cannon
 Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Christmas Pageant Insert

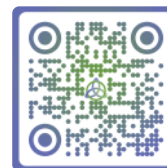
Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (v. 1, 2, 3) UMH 220

Benediction

Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo* J.S. Bach
 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 the people of Kentucky and other states where there have been
 tornadoes.

Gratitude for family and friends sharing time together

Blessing for those who work for us during the holidays: first
 responders,

Health care workers, truckers, people in the military and others

Comfort for those who find the Advent/Christmas season a
 difficult time

Ministry Updates:

- We are looking for more ushers for our Dec 23 & 24 Christmas Eve services. We have openings on the 23rd at 5pm, and 24th at Noon, 4pm, 7pm, and 10pm services. If you are interested in ushering, or know someone who is, please contact Kathy Davis at kadavis2220@gmail.com.
- Today - 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.
- December 21 at 12:15pm Final Tuesday Advent Organ Recital John Varona and guests will lead seasonal favorites.
- This year our Christmas Eve offering will be shared between The Landing MN and feeding ministries here at CUMC. Dan and Holly Fifield, co-founders of The Landing MN will be joining us for our Christmas Eve worship services to share about the important work of caring for vulnerable people in the Rochester community. Our feeding ministries, including Saturday Noon Meals and the garden ministry continue to grow in their impact and outreach. To make an online gift to our Christmas Eve offering go to www.cumethodist.com/give and select "Christmas Eve offering"



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Arise! Music Director: Oliver Books*

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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 (Sanctuary)
- 4:30pm ~ Youth Group

Monday December 20, 2021

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

Tuesday December 21, 2021

- 12:15pm ~ Advent Organ Recital (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 4:30pm ~ Hopeful Earthkeepers Monthly Meeting
- 7:00pm ~ Advent Bible Study (Zoom)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Wednesday December 22, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 6:00pm ~ Celebration Bells Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 7:00pm ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Thursday December 23, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (Fireside)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 1:00pm ~ Women's Book Group (Room 135)
- 4:00pm ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 5:00pm ~ Christmas Pre-Eve (ECC)

Friday December 24, 2021 *Christmas Eve*

- 12:00pm ~ Contemplative Worship Service
- 4:00pm ~ Children's Worship
- 7:00pm ~ Festival Worship
- 10:00pm ~ Communion Worship

Saturday December 25, 2021

Merry Christmas!
building closed

Sunday December 26, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Combined Wesleyan Covenant Service (Sanctuary)



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

- **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
- **Final Advent Bible Study** - Today at 10:00am in the Fireside Room or Tuesday at 7:00pm on Zoom. Pastors Jenny and Kirkland are hosting a Bible study exploring how each of the four Gospels introduces the person of Jesus. Tuesday Zoom: us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116
- **Holy Communion in January**. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in worship on Sunday, January 9 in the 9am Traditions and 11am Arise services.
- **Give to UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery Fund**. We invite you to consider donating to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to help communities in Kentucky and surrounding states recover from tornados. Simply make out a check to Christ UMC and put "UMCOR Tornado Relief" in the memo line. You may also donate online through CUMC by selecting UMCOR at cumethodist.com/give in the dropdown menu. Learn more about the UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery Fund at <https://umcmission.org/united-states-disaster-response/>.



- 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.
- **Church office to be closed on Monday, December 27**. In observance of the Christmas holiday, the church office and building will be closed on Monday, December 27. Please contact Jack Jefferson, Director of Operations, with any questions or for scheduling events.



- **Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers:** This Christmas season take to heart John Wesley's Rule for Christian Living: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can!" "Doing good" doesn't have to be expensive. Be thoughtful about what you give to others and to God's creation.

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



Christ United Methodist Church

Creating committed Christ Followers
for the transformation of the world.

9:00am Traditions Worship ~ December 19, 2021



God is soaked
in our world.
God's Spirit
lives and breathes
in and through
all that is.

We are lost
only when we
do not understand
that God
is already with
and in
each one of us.

Our task is recognition
of God's initiative
to be at home in us—
acceptance
of God-With-Us.

Then we cannot but
be glad.

There Was No Path So I Trod One (1996, 2013)
by Edwina Gateley posted on *Journey with Jesus*

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.