

Candlelighting

We ask that you use caution while sharing the light.

Please tip your unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle beside you.

Ushers have flame extinguishing materials should you need assistance.

*Music During Candlelighting

“Silent Night”

UMH 239

*Blessing

Postlude

“Go Tell It!”

Martin Ellis

John Varona, Organ

Children are always welcome in worship.

A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open during the service and is adjacent to the church office.

Upcoming Events

December 31st

Combined Service at 10:00am

Lessons and Carols

January 7th

Epiphany Sunday

Pastor Nancy's Retirement Sunday

January 14th

John Varona's Final Sunday

Save the Date-We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School dates and Theme for 2024. Mark your calendars for August 5-9, 2024 for “Digging In and Growing Deep!”



Christmas Eve

Christ United Methodist Church

4:00pm ~ December 24, 2023

Prelude "Advent Prelude & Processional for Organ"
John Varona, Organ Gordon Thornett

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Call to Worship

One: We are here to worship you

**All: Open our hearts to your story,
the Word spoken into life among us again.**

One: We join with angels and shepherds and all creation to share
the good news:

All: Christ is born! Joy to the world!

Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH 234
(vs 1, 3, 6)

Advent Candle Lighting The Ott Family

Sung Response "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" UMH 218
(vs 1, 4)

Special Music "He Is Born" Progression Bells
arr Kevin McChesney

Children's Message Jody Peterson

Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH 246
(vs. 1)

Christmas Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Charles Wesley Children's Choir
arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

***Doxology** "What Child Is This?" UMH 219
(vs 3)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing the Story Luke 2: 1-7

Hymn "Away in a Manger" UMH 217

Sharing the Story Luke 2: 8-14

Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

Sharing the Story Luke 2: 15-20

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard On High" UMH 238

Please ring your jingling bells during the refrain of this hymn!

**indicates please stand*