

Blessing

Postlude

"Choral Fantasy on In Dulci Jubilo"

John Varona, Organ Johann Sebastian Bach

+Prayer by Maren C. Tirabassi, in *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated*, eds. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 21.

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

7:00pm ~ December 24, 2023

Prelude "Oh How Joyfully" Cathy Moglebust
Celebration Bells, Paul Kingsbury, Director

"A Christmas Fantasia"
John Varona John Varona, Organ

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

***Hymn** "Joy to the Word" UMH 246

+Prayer

Emmanuel, God-with-us, we give you thanks for your birth long ago and presence with us always. Your hope is more trustworthy than our promises. Your peace is deeper than our prayers. Your joy teaches us to sing your praises. Your love is wider than the chorus of the galaxies, and yet your Star shines on us now in this church which has become a manger. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting Brad & Sue Duncanson

Sung Response "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

Invitation to Offering

Music During Offering

"Christmas Carol Potpourri"
Brittini Scruggs, Cello, John Varona, Organ

Doxology "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220
(vs 1, 4)

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "Away in a Manger" arr. David Willcox
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture John 1:1-5, 14

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

Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Special Music "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"
Celebration Bells Cathy Moglebust

Musical Offering "Child of the Poor/What Child Is This?"
Kristen and Jacob Hansen arr. Scott Soper
Aidan, Anika and Cullan Zimmer

Message "Something's Got a Hold On Me"
Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

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