

Christ United Methodist Church
Wesleyan Covenant Service
December 26, 2021
10:00am Worship

Prelude *Musical Selections*
John Varona, Organ

Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon

Litany of Thanksgiving Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

One: (...)gift of Jesus the Christ, your Word in flesh among us.

All: We praise your holy name, O God.

One: (...)ministered to us through the hands of our siblings.

All: We praise your holy name, O God.

One: (...) fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

All: We praise your holy name, O God.

One: (...) Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

All: We praise your holy name, O God.

One: (...) For all your patience and overflowing grace,

All: We praise your holy name, O God. Amen

Children's Message Jody Peterson

Invitation to Give Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Offertory Music *Christmas Only Makes Sense* video
John Lage

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hearing the Word Isaiah 52:1-10

Affirmation of Faith (unison) words on screen

Hearing the Word Hebrews 1:1-4

Hymn *Love Came Down at Christmas* (v. 1, 2, 3) UMH 242

Hearing the Word Luke 2:22-40

Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* (v. 1, 4) UMH 221

Wesleyan Covenant Renewal words on screen

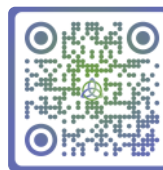
Hymn *Joy to the World* (v. 1, 2, 4) UMH 246

Benediction

Postlude *Musical Selections*
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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:

Healing mercies for Dick Morris and others in the hospital during Christmas

Gratitude for our guests and newcomers

Hope for those without adequate shelter, necessities, and friendship

Thankfulness for the beauty in winter sunrises and sunsets

For Connie Rosenow and family on the death of her husband Edward Rosenow.



Audio induction loop systems (T loops) are available.
To use, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Ministry Updates:

- **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
- **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.
- **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 & families!
- **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.
- **Lattes & Leadership: CUMC's 2022 Annual Meeting.** Join us on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 12:15pm for our annual meeting where we'll elect new leaders, receive reports from ministry teams and leaders, and attend to church business that furthers our mission and fosters an inclusive, vibrant, healthy, ethical and sustainable church. CUMC's annual meeting is a church conference, which means church members are able to vote on all matters. Contact Pastor Kirkland for more information.

STAFF DIRECTORY

Church Office: 507.289.4019

Lead Pastor: Rev. Jenny Cannon** ext. 207

Executive Pastor: Rev. Kirkland Reynolds** ext. 209

Minister for Congregational Care: Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon** ext. 205

Director of Operations: Jack Jefferson* ext. 202

Director of Communications: Oliver Books* ext. 203

Building Manager: Kent Nymann* ext. 206

Interim Youth Coordinator: Rev. Amanda Larsen**

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Jody Peterson*

Custodian: Julie Plunkett

Director of Music: Kalle Akkerman*

Adult Choir: Rev. Beth Joyner*

Arise! Music Director: Oliver Books*

Principal Organist: John Varona*

Handbell Ensemble Directors: Paul Kingsbury (adults)*
& Kari Hanson (children)*

Children's Choir Director: Karla Sukov*

Sunday Morning Tech: Brent Sorgenfrie, Martin Gardner, Joel Ott

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Sunday December 26, 2021

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

Monday December 27, 2021

Building closed

Tuesday December 28, 2021

9:30am ~ Poinsettia Delivery

1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)

8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Wednesday December 29, 2021

10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)

8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Thursday December 30, 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)

8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Friday December 31, 2021 *Christmas Eve*

No events

Saturday January 1, 2021

Happy New Year!

Sunday January 2, 2021 - Epiphany & Sparkle Sunday

9:00am ~ Traditions Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00am ~ Contemporary Issues (146)

10:15am ~ Inquiring Spirits (145)

11:00am ~ Arise Worship (ECC)

1:00pm ~ RCMS Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

4:30pm ~ Youth Group (Youth Room)

Give online: CCB, our church database lets you manage your giving and see your statements in real time at <https://cumethodist.ccbchurch.com>



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

- Faith → Life upcoming programs:
 - **Just Start Decluttering:** Hosted by Rev. Amanda Larsen - Tuesdays, January 11 – March 1 at 6:45 pm on Zoom: Do you have more stuff than you know what to do with? Are you unsure how to best decide what to keep or let go? Did you fail at “Sparkling Joy?” Join over Zoom with friends from church this January as we discuss how to declutter our stuff with integrity and accountability.
 - **Thursday Night Zoom Book Study:** January 13-27, 7pm. Join Pastors Jenny & Kirkland for a discussion of *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>
- Children & Youth
 - **The Event:** Saturday January 15 10:30am-7:30pm - Grades 6-10 Please RSVP by January 9th. Service, Fun, Food, & Youth from across the state!
 - **Church Ice Fishing** - Willow Creek Reservoir (1343 Lone Pine Dr SW) All ages & skill levels welcome!
 - **Sunday 4:30pm Youth Group returns January 2**
- CU Wednesdays returns January 5th
- **Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers:** Dispose of your tree carefully. Replanted is best. Composted or chipped trees that can be used for trail footing in parks are good too. Commercial companies or local government may offer this service. Find out the possibilities in your area. Do not burn a tree because that releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Reuse and reuse a plastic tree and then find someone else who will enjoy it. Check with local charities, shelters, and churches. Do your best to keep your tree out of a landfill.

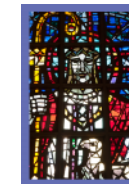
January 2:
9 & 11am Celebration of Epiphany (and sparkles!)

January 9:
9 & 11am Renewal of Baptism

Join our next Sermon Series!

Augers, Nets & Rods: Fishing Stories for Every Season

January 16-February 20:
Sundays at 9am & 11am



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Creating committed Christ Followers
for the transformation of the world.

10:00am Worship ~ December 26, 2021

Anna

by Neryl McCallum

Glory to God, creator of the Earth!
Today I have seen the child
who is promised by the prophets.

Today I have looked into the eyes
of the one who will bring our redemption.

All that I am is full of the glory of God,
this ancient frame is ablaze with hope and joy.

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.