



Christ United Methodist Church
Second Sunday in Advent
 December 5, 2021
 9:00am Traditions Worship

Prelude John Varona, Organ
Welcome Rev. Jenny Cannon
Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

Morning Prayer (unison)

Holy God,
 We long for your peace, and trust in your promise;
 we hear your call to turn toward you,
 to change our lives and welcome you in.
 Meet us here and fill
 our minds with your wisdom
 and our hearts with your peace,
 that our worship together
 may open us to the challenge
 of your dream of wholeness for all.
 In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Ana, Michael and Charlotte Hughes

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)

Children's Message

Jody Peterson
Children and families are invited to use our weekly Children's Bulletin for special activities that connect with worship and the children's message

Invitation to Give

Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

Offertory Music

Every Valley John Ness Beck
 Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon

Hearing the Word

Matthew 1:1-16 The genealogy of Jesus Christ

Message

"Thresholds: The Gospel of Matthew"
 Rev. Jenny Cannon

Prayer of Confession (unison, words on the screen)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Great Thanksgiving

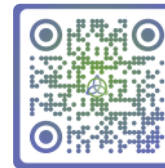
Hymn *People Look East* (vs 1, 2, 4) UMH 202

Benediction

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661* 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 those living with AIDs and their loved ones

For the grieving in Oxford, MI and all who suffer from gun violence

Thanksgiving for vaccinations for children, youth, and adults

Gratitude for time with family and friends

Medical professionals and public officials responding to the COVID pandemic and new variants

For the Paopao-Skillern family

Ministry Updates:

- Today at 10am we are hosting a **Chrismon Crafting Workshop**. Our church has a long history of telling the Christmas story through the "Chrismon" tree. You will be able to create a couple of these symbolic ornaments for your own tree.
- In keeping with our "Thresholds" theme we invite you to share photos of your Nativity scenes. Please include any notes about where they are from, or what special meaning they have to you. Send photos to oliver@cumethodist.com
- Advent Bible Study continues today! Sundays at 10:00am in the Fireside Room or Tuesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom. As part of our Advent season Pastors Jenny and Kirkland are hosting a Bible study exploring how each of the four Gospels introduces the person of Jesus. Zoom link for Tuesday: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>
- December 7, 14, & 21 at 12:15pm Tuesday Advent Organ Recitals John Varona and guests will lead seasonal favorites.
- December 15 - 7pm Service of Lessons and Carols Join us for this Wednesday evening musical feast. Our choir will sing, our bells will ring, and we will explore the meaning of the season through song and scripture.
- December 19 - 9am Children's Pageant & 11am Youth Pageant
- December 19 - 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.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Sunday December 5, 2021 *Second Sunday in Advent*

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ *Chrismon Workshop*
 - ~ Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)
 - ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
 - ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (ECC)
- 4:30pm ~ Youth Group

Monday December 6, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 11:15am ~ Monday Men's Discussion Group (Zoom)

Tuesday December 7, 2021

- 12:00pm ~ Advent Organ Recital (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 7:00pm ~ Advent Bible Study (Zoom)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (facebook.com/cumethodist)

Wednesday December 8, 2021

- 8:30am ~ Breakfast Fellowship (Charlie's)
- 10:00am ~ Online Knitting Group (WebEx)
- 5:30pm ~ Children's Pageant Music Rehearsal
- 6:00pm ~ Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 - ~ Confirmation
 - ~ Celebration Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00pm ~ Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

Thursday December 9, 2021

- 8:00am ~ Men's Coffee Group (Fireside)
- 8:30am ~ Covenant Group (Zoom)
- 9:30am ~ UMW Group Meeting
- 1:00pm ~ Women's Book Group (Room 135)
- 4:00pm ~ Women's Connect Group (Zoom)
- 7:00pm ~ Circle 4 Meeting (WebEx)
- 8:00pm ~ Pastoral Devotional (Church Facebook)

Friday December 10, 2021

- 10:00am ~ Rug Hooking Group (145)
 - ~ Women and the Sacred (Fireside)

Saturday December 11, 2021

- 7:30am ~ Saturday Noon Meals (Prep at CUMC, serve at the Landing)
- 8:00am ~ Christmas Anonymous Store Day (Churchwide)

Sunday December 12, 2021 *Third Sunday in Advent*

- 9:00am ~ Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am ~ Advent Bible Study (Fireside Room)
 - ~ Inquiring Spirits (Room 145)
 - ~ Contemporary Issues (Room 146)
- 11:00am ~ Arise Worship Service (ECC)
- 4:30pm ~ Youth Group



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 orders are here!** Poinsettia order forms can be found in the online at tinyurl.com/CUMC-poinsettias-2021 or in the church office. Please submit your orders in memory or honor by end of day December 7th. We are also looking for volunteers to help deliver poinsettias Tuesday December 28th. For more information on delivery contact Kathy Davis at kadavis2220@gmail.com
- **Christ UMC is hosting Christmas Anonymous again this December.** Christmas Anonymous has served the Rochester community for more than 50 years, helping families and people in need in Olmsted county have a wonderful Christmas. To learn more about donating Christmas gifts or volunteering with Christmas Anonymous, visit christmasanonymous.org.
- **Advent packages are available!** These contain Advent Devotionals written by the congregation and staff of Christ UMC and an advent wreath. They are also available for pickup from the church office. If you need us to deliver, let us know! We can get them to you.
- **Through November and December CUMC will serve as a collection site for the Period Equity Project** which partners with community groups to distribute menstruation supplies to people in need. Be on the lookout for a collection box in the commons and stay tuned for more information.
- **Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers:** You already are careful not to let the water flow continuously while you brush your teeth. Transfer that same care to getting dishes ready for the dishwasher. Scrape food off. Compost what you can. Run a mere cup or two of water into a large dish or bowl, shut off the water, start rinsing. You may want to use a long-handled brush. Dishwashers are more water conserving than hand washing, and dishwashers don't require super-clean dishes to start with. Save water.



November 28:
Advent decorating after 9 & 11am services
Advent Wreath kits distributed

November 30, December 7, 14, & 21:
Noon Advent Organ Concert Series

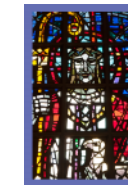
December 5:
10am Chrismon Workshop

December 15:
7pm Service of Lessons & Carols with Chancel Choir

December 19:
9am Children's Pageant
11am Youth Pageant
3pm Longest Night Worship

Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story Christmas Eve and Pre Eve Worship

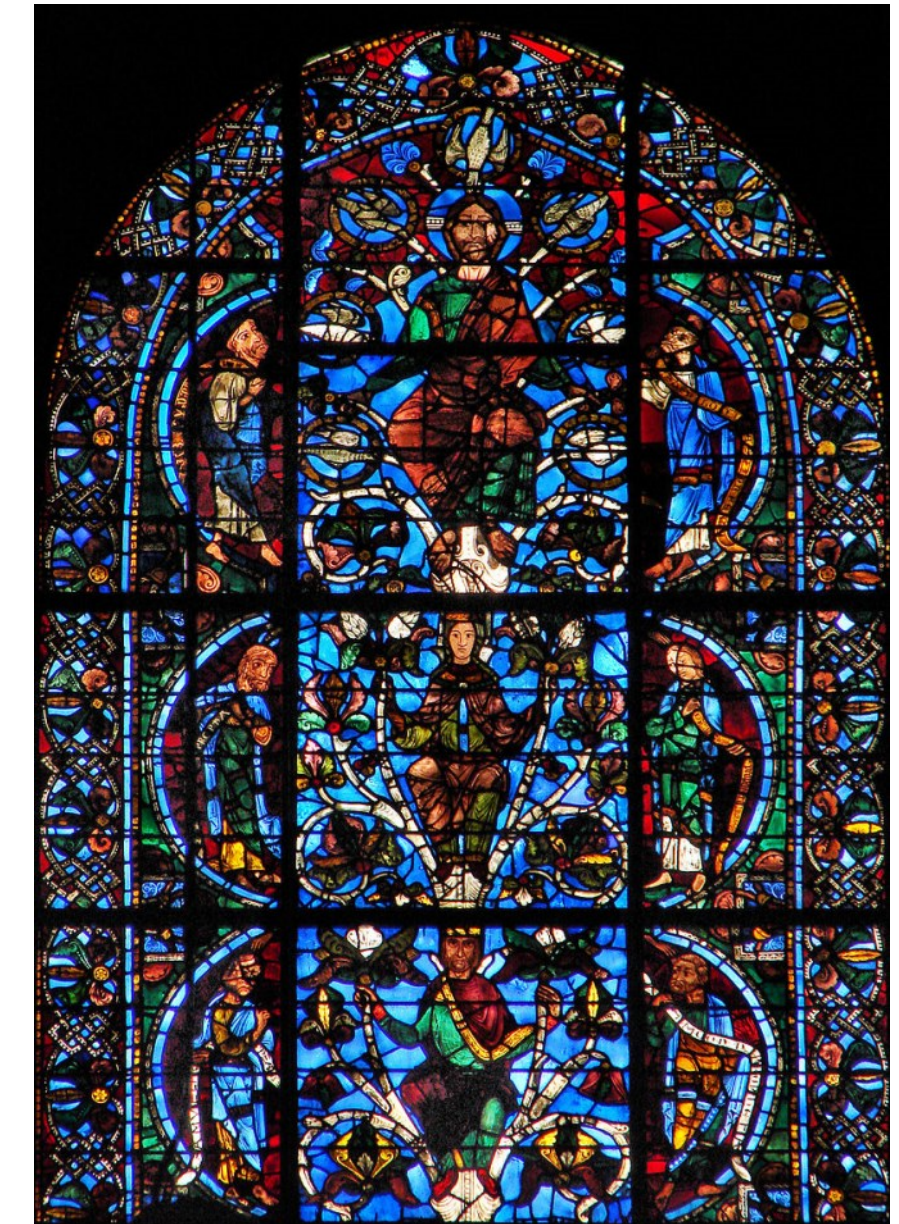
- December 23:**
5pm Christmas Pre-Eve Service in the ECC
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services**
 - 12pm - Contemplative Worship
 - 4pm - Children's Worship
 - 7pm - Festival Worship
 - 10pm - Communion Worship



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Creating committed Christ Followers
for the transformation of the world.

9:00am Traditions Worship ~ December 5, 2021



12th-century Jesse Tree window
at Chartres Cathedral in France

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.