

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Music

Come, Now is the Time to Worship - Brian Doerksen
Come as You Are - Passion

Sharing the Peace - 60 Seconds

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

Julie, Andy, Maddie Kennicutt

Children's Message

Prayers of the People

(scan QR code to submit your prayers for the screen)



Invitation to Offering

Hold On - Alabama Shakes

Hearing the Word

Psalms 25:1-10

John 1:1-5

Message - Thresholds: The Gospel of John

Prayers and Candlelighting

By Breath - Sarah Thomsen

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Music

Maybe It's Okay - We Are Messengers

Blessing

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Advent packages are available starting today! These contain Advent Devotionals written by the congregation and staff of Christ UMC and an advent wreath. If you know someone who can't make it to church today, no problem! They will be available for pickup from the church office anytime during business hours. If you need us to deliver, let us know! We can get them to you. *Also today we will decorate our spaces after both services!*

Advent Bible Study began today! Sundays at 10:00am in the Fireside Room or Tuesdays at 7:00pm starting November 30th on Zoom. Advent Bible Study: As part of our Advent season Pastors Jenny and Kirkland are hosting a 4-week Bible study exploring how each of the four Gospels introduces the person of Jesus. Contact the church office for more info and join us at the Bible Study! Zoom link for Tuesday meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>

Christmas Poinsettia orders are here! Poinsettia order forms can be found online at tinyurl.com/CUMC-poinsettias-2021 or in the church office. Please submit your orders in memory or honor by end of day Dec 7th.

United Methodist Student Day Special Offering, Sunday, Nov. 28. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support UM students in achieving their educational goals. Donations to this offering support UM scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gift help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom. To make a special gift, note UM Student Day with your donation or give online at cumethodist.com/give.

Next Sunday at 10am we are hosting a Chrismon Crafting Workshop. Our church has a long history of telling the Christmas story through the "Chrismon" tree. On December 5 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

Charge Conference on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 12pm. In the United Methodist Church, clergy salaries and compensation are set annually by the charge conference, which is a meeting that invites all Christ UMC members to attend and participate. Voting members of the charge conference include Leadership Board members and clergy. The conference agenda will focus on the 2022 compensation for Pastors Jenny Cannon, Kirkland Reynolds, and Nancy Wheeler Handlon. Rev. Gary Lueck will preside.

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.

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: Food waste—both corporate and personal—is the #3 cause of greenhouse gas. Composting food scraps allows you to fill the land with nutrients and avoid the landfill. Explore your options for composting: industrial composting services, shared compost locations, backyard bins of several types, bokashi methods, vermicomposting, and in-home devices.

Thresholds: Entering the Christmas Story
ADVENT 2021 CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Christmas Eve Worship

Christ United Methodist Church

December 23:

5:00pm - ECC
Coffee Shop Christmas Eve Service

December 24:

12:00pm
Contemplative Worship

4:00pm
Children's Worship

7:00pm
Festival Worship

10:00pm
Communion Worship

Give Online



Staff & Contact



Church Calendar



Find Us Online



Call the church office: (507) 289-4019
or email us: email@cumethodist.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scan the QR Code (right) or head to
menti.com/32bfdowxrh to share your
prayer request with the congregation



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Thresholds by Maggie Smith

You want a door you can be
on both sides of at once.

You want to be
on both sides of here
and there, now and then,
together and—(what
did we call the life
we would wish back?

The old life? The before?)
alone. But any open

space may be
a threshold, an arch

of entering and leaving.
Crossing a field, wading

through nothing
but timothy grass,
imagine yourself passing from
and into. Passing through
doorway after
doorway after doorway.

*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.**