

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening Song

Soon and Very Soon

Lighting the Advent Candles

Nivash Govindan, Dianne Thomas, Joe Keefe

Children's Message

Jody Peterson

Following the children's message children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to attend Sunday School in the education wing. Children will return to worship before the end of the service.

Prayers of the People

Scan QR code to submit your prayers to display on screen during worship



Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11

Invitation to Give

Peace Will Come by Southern Avenue

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Message

"Out of the Blue: Songs of Peace"

Rev. Jenny Cannon

Affirmation of Faith

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion & Candlelighting

Peace in the Valley by Thomas A. Dorsey

All are welcome to receive communion, which is served with bread and nonalcoholic grape juice. Gluten free also available.

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Song

Your Peace Will Make Us One

Connections & Next Steps

Blessing

Congregational Prayers

- For peace in the Middle East
- For those seeking a closer relationship with God
- For Christmas Anonymous guests
- For a heart of compassion and respect for others
- Prayers for the Saturday/Sunday Noon Meal taking place today in Wesley Hall



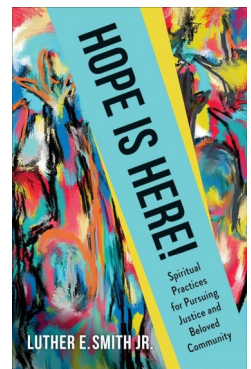
Welcome to Christ UMC. We are glad you are here!

Children in Worship Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available at both ECC entrances. A nursery play space with a live stream of the worship service is open throughout the morning and is adjacent to the church office.

All Church Read and Study Book

for Advent Hope Is Here! by Luther E. Smith Jr. Group conversations

will be held today and December 17 from 4:30–6:00 pm in Room 145 and on [Zoom](#). Books are available in the church office for \$15.00, or you can purchase the eBook on Kindle for \$11.49.



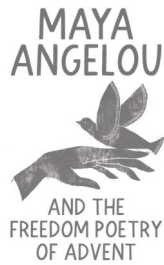
UWF Cookie Orders Today is the last day to place your cookie orders at the UWF table in the Commons. The orders are by weight: 1/2 pound(\$10), 1 pound (\$20), 1 1/2 pounds (\$30), 2 pounds (\$35) & Pantry Party Mix (\$9 per quart). Gluten free also available. Pick up on December 17th from 8:30am to 12pm. Order forms in the Commons & church office.

Advent Organ Concert Series Join us December 12 and 19 from 12:15-12:45 pm in the sanctuary and live streamed on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) as organist John Varona shares music of the season.

Theology on Brew Join Pastor Jenny, Pastor Kirkland, and friends from CUMC on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm at 507 (Pub)lic House at 304 1st Ave SW for a time of connecting and conversation. Young and young-at-heart adults are welcome.

Giving Tree This year we are collecting items for the Resource Room of the Rochester Alternative Learning Center. You can take an ornament from the tree & bring the requested unwrapped items back through December 31st.

2023 Advent Devotional This year's Advent devotional is Maya Angelou and the Freedom Poetry of Advent. Hard copies are in the church office or contact Samantha at samantha@cumethodist.com to receive a weekly devotional email.



11am Arise Worship

December 10, 2023

We Are Hiring! CUMC is hiring a Pastor of Congregational Care and a Principal Organist. Learn more about these positions and apply at cumethodist.com/career-opportunities.

Save the Date! You are invited to celebrate Pastor Nancy's retirement on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Starting with the 9am service, we will celebrate with Pastor Nancy and Chuck in worship and during a reception and open house from 10am-12:30pm. We also invite you to share tributes and words of appreciation for Pastor Nancy. Please share your affirmations through this weblink: <https://tinyurl.com/pastornancyaffirmations>.

Special Offering We are also collecting a love offering dedicated to Pastor Nancy that will support the CUMC Foundation. You may note "Love Offering" with your gift or choose "Love Offering" from the giving options at cumethodist.com/give.



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

December 17, 3pm
CUMC Chapel

FOR THOSE WHO FIND THE HOLIDAYS DIFFICULT, WE PRESENT A SERVICE OF MUSIC, CANDLELIGHT, PRAYER AND HOPE FOLLOWED BY COFFEE AND COOKIES IN THE HAMLINE ROOM. LED BY THE PASTORS AND CARE VISITOR MINISTRY TEAM.

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Church Calendar



CHECK IN & CONNECT WITH US!

Thanks for worshipping with us!
Scan the QR code and let us know you're here!



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