

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

GATCHECO FAMILY

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

A.J., HEIDI, HENRY & ABIGAIL NEUVIRTH

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the children's message, Pre-K - 3rd graders (and 4th - 5th grade helpers) may join Ms. Jody for Sunday school.

Nursery care is available for children 5 and under in the Nursery.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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



INVITATION TO OFFERING

GUIDING LIGHT - MUMFORD AND SONS

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

"From Generation to Generation: We Can Choose a Better Way"

Pastor Kirkland Reynolds

HOLY COMMUNION

Lay it Down Slow

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

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

CLOSING SONG

If We're Honest

BLESSING

Congregational Prayers

- For the people of Ukraine
- For Christmas Anonymous recipients
- For Sunday school children and teachers
- For District Superintendent Cynthia Williams as she transitions to the Twin Cities District
- And for our new District Superintendent Michelle Hargrave
- Prayers for the family of Rev. Lyle Lieder who died December 6th

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

Thank you to all who have already made a pledge to the 2023 budget as part of our Do-Gooders campaign. We are still receiving pledge cards in the office or through the online pledge on our website (cumethodist.com/give).

Children in Worship Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packs are available near the Sanctuary entrance.

Our nursery is adjacent to the church office. There are always two adults in our nursery. You may stay with your child if you like.

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Saturday Noon Meals Saturday Noon Meals has begun serving meals in person in Wesley Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please [contact](#) Kathy Lombardo.

Thrift on Fifth Thrift on Fifth will be open less frequently than usual in December in order to make room for Christmas Anonymous and to celebrate the weekend holidays. Please check out our December calendar, which can be found in the church office and in the store. Recent donations have been really wonderful. Shop early!

Advent Organ Concert Series Our Advent Organ Concert series has begun! Join us Tuesdays at 12:15 in person or on Facebook & YouTube, Dec. 13 and 20th. Previous concerts can be found on our [YouTube](#).

The Flower Ministry is in need of volunteers for delivering 60 plus poinsettias to shut-in and bereaved members on Tuesday December 27 at 9:00 am. Please contact Kathy Davis at 507-269-7287 or kadavis2220@gmail.com if you are able to help.

We also need boxes for the plants. You may drop them off in the church office. Thank you for supporting this caring ministry.

Longest Night Service Please join us in person and [online](#) Sunday, December 18 at 4pm for a service of word, music, candles, and peace for anyone who finds the holiday season difficult.

Kliwer Reception Rose and Hank Kliwer invite you to a reception for their son, Brad Kliwer, who died November 9. The reception is informal and will be held in the commons Saturday, December 17. Drop in anytime between 2:30 PM and 5:00 PM.

Advent Small Group Study Sundays

Advent Small Group Study Sundays running through Sunday, Dec. 18 from 5-6pm in Room 145 and on Zoom (info below). We are reading the book "The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope" by Kelly Nikondeha.

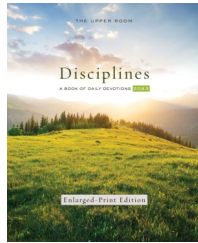


Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$19. Book scholarships available. "The First Advent in Palestine" will also be discussed during in person CU Wednesday Crossroads conversations for adults on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm. Join the Sunday evening discussion group in person or on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3753504116>.

The 2023 Upper Room Disciplines Daily Devotional

is now available for purchase in the church office.

Small print is \$10 and large print is \$12. You can also order it as an eBook for \$9.99 from Cokesbury or Upper Room and \$8.49 on Amazon for the Kindle.



Giving Tree for Thrive & Saturday Noon Meals In our commons we are hosting a Giving Tree to support Thrive and our newly returned Saturday Noon Meals in Wesley Hall! Take an ornament with a list of items and return those to the CUMC office before Christmas Eve. Check out the Thrive Facebook page for additional ways to support their Target and Amazon wish list or scan the QR codes below!



Target



Amazon



PRAYER REQUESTS

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



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



11am Arise Worship

December 11, 2022



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