

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Welcome

### Opening Music

Everlasting God - Chris Tomlin  
God With Us - Jesus Culture

### Sharing the Peace - 60 Seconds

### Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

The Dripps Hansen family

### Sung Response

### Children's Message

### Prayers of the People

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



### Invitation to Offering

Happy Christmas - John Lennon

### Hearing the Word

Isaiah 12:2-6 & Mark 1:1-11

### Message - Thresholds: The Gospel of Mark

### Prayer and Candlelighting

Winter Song - Sara Bareilles, Ingrid Michaelson

### Prayer of Gratitude

### Closing Music

Mary Did You Know - Mark Lowry

### Blessing



December 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 Both programs tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The 9:00 service will have younger children singing, ringing and acting out the traditional Christmas story. The 11:00 service will have our youth presenting "The Chosen One," a Christmas play that looks at challenges faced by people (and vegetables) asked to do a hard task.

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.

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 and families!

Worship December 26th - We will hold a single worship service on December 26 at 10 am in our sanctuary.

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](mailto:oliver@cumethodist.com)

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](mailto:kadavis2220@gmail.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>

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.



Thrift on Fifth is pausing to join you in celebrating Advent, Christmas, and New Year's, and to re-group for indoor sales starting in late January. We would appreciate it if you would pause your donations as well, or give them to other worthy organizations. Thanks and stay tuned for our January plans.



**Green Tip of the Week from EarthKeepers:** Businesses have a greater impact toward a more sustainable future than individuals. But each of us can have an impact on businesses.

When you need to make a purchase, shop for the company not just the product. Support businesses that practice sustainability in their products and production. Purchase from ones that care and give back.

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

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Church Calendar



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

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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



Christ United Methodist Church



December 12, 2021

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with  
their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman,  
*The Work of Christmas*

*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.