

Order of Worship

Welcome

Opening Song

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Lighting the Advent Candles

Matulis & King Family

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Jody Peterson

Prayers of the People

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



Invitation to Give

Joy to the World by Three Dog Night

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Youth Christmas Pageant

"Game Shows Live!"

Holy Communion & Candlelighting

One Bread, One Body

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

Prayer of Gratitude

Closing Song

Joy

Connections & Next Steps

Blessing

Congregational Prayers

- For those who find the holidays difficult
- For postal service and delivery workers
- For people in need of medical care
- Gratitude for the kindness of strangers
- For peace



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.

Longest Night Service Please join us today at 3pm in the chapel for a service for those who find the holidays difficult. This service features music, candlelight, prayer and hope. Cider and cookies will follow in the Hamline room.

UWF Cookie Orders A reminder that your Christmas cookie orders can be picked up today in the Commons. Contact [Deedee Odell](#) with questions.

ASP Lefse Sale is Back! Handmade Lefse is for sale in the Commons today. Proceeds go to sponsor our 2024 Appalachia Service Team! Sale will end at 12:15pm (or sooner if lefse sells out!) Contact [Pastor Amanda](#) for more info.

Share and Deliver Poinsettias We are in need of volunteers to deliver Christmas poinsettias to homebound and bereaved CUMC members and friends. Delivery date is Tuesday, Dec. 26 from 9am-11am. Contact [Kathy Davis](#) (507-269-7287) to volunteer or with questions.

All Church Read and Study Book for Advent Hope Is Here! by Luther E. Smith Jr. Group conversations will be held today 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.

Last Advent Organ Concert Join us December 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.

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](#) to receive a weekly devotional email.

Pastor Nancy's Retirement Sunday 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 here: <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.



New Year's Eve Combined Worship Service
Please join us on Sunday December 31st at 10am in the sanctuary for a combined worship service. This service will replace our 9am and 11am services.



CHECK IN & CONNECT WITH US!

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



11am Arise Worship

December 17, 2023

Youth Pageant



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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