

# Christ Church United Methodist

December 30, 2018

9:00 and 11:15 am

## First Sunday after Christmas

### Order of Worship

*Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.*

PRELUDE *Personet Hodie* arr. Doug Smith  
Sing aloud on this day  
David Catlett, trumpet Michael Allen, trumpet  
Steve Causey, horn Mark Berlin, trombone

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Anna Sugg, liturgist

Leader: Joy to the World, the Lord is come!

People: Let earth receive her King

Leader: Let every heart, prepare him room

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Joy to the World* Hymn 246  
Stanzas 2, 3 and 4

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymn 224  
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass behfore him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

CALL TO PRAYER *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Hymn 229  
Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING *(Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down the pew.)*  
*Gesu Bambino* Pietro Yon  
Portia Odette, soloist

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

HYMN (children are invited to come forward at this time)  
*What Child is This* Hymn 219  
What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2:1-20* Page 54 (NT) in the pew Bible

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Mary, Did You Know?* Mark Lowry  
Daniel Blosser and Michael Bolden, soloists  
Jeff Boyd, guitar

SERMON *I Believe* Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* Hymn 251

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE *Here We Come A Caroling* arr. Doug Smith

\*indicates standing as you are able.

Large-print hymnals and bulletins, weighted  
bulletins and hearing devices and loops are  
available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

## Announcements

**Today is the 5th Sunday Offering**, benefiting our Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth (KYUMH). The 5th Sunday offering helps youth who have suffered from abuse, neglect or trauma receive care and help to achieve healing and wholeness through the services of KYUMH. For more information, visit [www.kyumb.org](http://www.kyumb.org). Special offering envelopes are in the pews this morning.

**The building will be closed Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day**

**Parents of children with unique/speical needs** are invited to attend a coffee support group in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 15 at 11 am. For more information, please call Betsy Stevens (513) 673-3454. This event is hosted by the ALL God's People Committee, a group committed to supporting and encouraging the familes of children with unique needs.

**Change to weekday parking lot traffic pattern!** In order to keep our staff, children and families safe and to avoid traffic collisions while our school is in session, beginning January 3, the east entrance to the parking lot (the driveway NOT at the light) will be closed daily from 8:45 am to 2 pm. All traffic must enter at the Blankenbaker light during these hours. Thank you for helping us keep our parking lot safe.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** Tuesday, January 8 from 2 pm to 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can also be made for your convenience. Contact Kim Brice at 502-727-2581 or [kim.brice@icloud.com](mailto:kim.brice@icloud.com) for appointments and for more information.

**A Walk Through Uganda** The Ugandan village is now open! Come visit us in the Youth Center this morning to take a walk through Katosi, Uganda.

**Attention Medical Personnel!** We are forming a Medical Team of persons who are willing to help on Sunday mornings by being on-call to assist with medical issues such as slips and falls, fainting, etc. You would be asked to be available for a 90 minute shift for no more than one Sunday a month. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mark Coile at [mark@ccum.net](mailto:mark@ccum.net).

**Our Church Family** (as of Wednesday, December 26)

Hospital or Rehab: Hank Schildknecht [Norton downtown]; Ed Larkin [Baptist East]

Prayer Focus: As Mary did, let's ponder with awe and wonder of God's incredible plan to send His Son for our salvation.

Teach Us to Pray: "I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways." -*Psalm 119:15*

**Presence and Gifts** (as of Monday, December 24)

Sunday Worship - 899 Christmas Eve - 2,513  
New Faith Communities - 152  
November Small Group Participants - 309  
Contributions Received Week Ending December 23, 2018: \$ 209,848  
Budgeted Contributions through November 30, 2018: \$2,890,627  
Actual Contributions Received through November 30, 2018: \$3,203,985



*Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.*

## Welcome Guests!

We are honored to worship with you today. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We are pursuing a mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. We walk together on this journey of discovering a different kind of life – the life we were created for – life in God's love.

All are invited to participate in Communion here. We welcome children of all ages into the service and to participate; later in the service children are dismissed for their own time of worship and community.\*

### Connect With Us

- Fill out the Connect Card and drop it in the offering plate during the service.
- Take home the Guest Information Card in the pew.
- Stop by the Guest Information Area in the Gathering Hall.

\*Children's Activities are provided during all services 8 am to 12:15 pm in the Education Wing. See the Guest Services Desks for more information.



### Worship

8:30 am Communion: Prayer Room  
9 am: Sanctuary  
10:05 am: Chapel  
11:15 am: Sanctuary



### Prepare

**New Small Groups starting in 2019!** Are you considering trying a small group? Now is a great time to try out an 8-week small group! New groups are forming in January and there is a spot for you. Engaging in a small group is one of the best ways to become *living proof of God's love* because it focuses on building safe, trusting relationships that really allow you to explore what God is doing right now in your life. Visit [www.ccum.net/about/vision/vision-follow-jesus](http://www.ccum.net/about/vision/vision-follow-jesus).

**Join the REFIT Revolution** at Christ Church and Portland Promise Center.

All are invited to these free and encouraging REFIT®+ classes:

- Monday 6:30 pm CCUM gym
- Saturday 8 am CCUM gym
- Saturday 10 am Portland Promise Center

Open to the community and all fitness levels.

For more information, contact Jenny Fishback at [jrosenthal77@yahoo.com](mailto:jrosenthal77@yahoo.com) or visit REFIT + Jenny and friends on Facebook.



### Serve

**Children's Winter Coat Drive** Blaine Elementary in Lawrence County, who we support through the Dare to Care Backpack Buddies program, is in desperate need of coats for their children in need. We will be collecting kid-sized coats through the holidays for grades K-5. Please bring new or gently used coats and place them in the bin in the Gathering Hall. For more information, contact Charlotte Donan ([cdonan@donan.com](mailto:cdonan@donan.com)).

## OUR MISSION

*Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.*

## OUR VISION

*Healing Divides as we:*

### ◆ ENGAGE IN SMALL GROUPS

Becoming who God is calling you to be by experiencing the power and presence of Christ in a spiritually authentic small group.

### ◆ PLANT NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

Supporting fresh ways to bring the light of God to new communities of people.

### ◆ BLESS CHILDREN

Meeting the basic needs of food, shelter, education, hope and love for Louisville's children and adolescents.

## OUR STRATEGY



## THE FOUR QUESTIONS

**WHERE** have you seen God's love at work this week?

**HOW** are you growing in God's love this week?

**WHO** has God placed in your path that needs to experience God's love this week?

**HOW** have you demonstrated God's love this week?

