

# Christ Church United Methodist

November 17, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 am

## Commitment Sunday

### Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE *Peace In The Storm* Patricia Cota  
High School Handbells

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 400

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Brandon Dirks  
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 Hymn 159  
*Lift High the Cross*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

CALL TO PRAYER  
*They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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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.)*  
9:00 *Sing for Joy, Alleluia* Sally K. Albrecht  
Laudaté

11:15 *Be Thou My Vision* Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir  
Cindy Watson, viola

\*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

*Children Kindergarten through Second Grade may follow the banner out the  
side door of the Sanctuary for Children's Chapel in Room 132.*

SCRIPTURE *John 6:5-13* Page 91 (NT) in the pew Bible  
9:00 Allyson Smith  
11:15 Pam Taylor

SERMON *The Importance of One* Rev. Rebecca Curry

\*PRESENTATION OF OUR COMMITMENT CARDS

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* Hymn 399

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE *Sortie* Douglas Wagner  
(Psalm 71)  
"Go in the strength of the Lord God!"

\*indicates standing as you are able.

## Announcements

This is the last Sunday of our **Festival of Stars and Holiday Marketplace**, our annual Christmas gift drive for children and families from Portland Promise Center, Lighthouse Ministries, Kentucky United Methodist Home for Children and Youth, Breckenridge Franklin elementary, residents at Wesley Manor and refugee families. The Holiday Marketplace will feature many items, including festive gifts and holiday decorations, soups and snacks, jewelry and crafts! All proceeds go to benefit our Outreach and Justice Ministries.

**Charge Conference** is scheduled for Monday, November 25 at 6:30 pm in Room 158. All Ad Council Members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend.

### Christ Church's 2019 Congregational Daily Prayer

*God of all, you have joined us to be one body at Christ Church and have given us a mission to fulfill. Bring us together in community around your mission, to partner with your Holy Spirit, and to share your love, one person at a time. Keep us working toward your vision for this community. Help us to heal divides as your Spirit focuses our minds on what binds us. Through our gifts, make each of us to be a blessing in your church, community and world. In the grace and mercy of our Lord we pray. Amen.*

## This Morning

The flowers on the altar today are from Carole Ruby Sibley and given in memory and honor of loved ones and especially for Ann Sibley Ruby in whose memory the chimes at Christ Church were given.

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

<b>Presence and Gifts</b> (as of Sunday, November 10)			
Brownsboro Road Worship	824	Sunday Prepare Groups	479
Plant Faith Communities	159	October Small Groups	458
Livestream Worship	<u>80</u>	Sister Wisdom	568
	1,063		

Contributions Received Week Ending November 10, 2019:	\$ 93,972
Budgeted Contributions through October 31, 2019:	\$2,815,215
Actual Contributions Received through October 31, 2019:	\$2,544,172



*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**

**Three Advent Study Opportunities** led by Jennie Weeks and Rev. Brandon Dirks are coming. In this *Light of the World* study, we will explore why the Gospel Nativity stories are unique in Luke and Matthew, and what they would have meant to those who first heard them. We will look at these stories in context, in light of Jewish tradition and history and the Hebrew Scriptures, as well as the political realities in the first century. We will be guided by the work of Amy-Jill Levine, a renowned author and professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. The 4 week studies will be offered Sunday mornings starting December 1, Monday mornings starting November 25 and Monday evenings starting December 2. Sign up online at [ccum.net/calendar](http://ccum.net/calendar).

 **Serve**

**Opportunity to Serve Thanksgiving Dinner** Join us in serving and sharing Thanksgiving dinner with the men and women of The Healing Place! Dinner will be Tuesday, November 26 at 4th Avenue United Methodist Church. To sign up, please visit [www.ccum.net/thanksgiving](http://www.ccum.net/thanksgiving) or contact Director of Outreach Shelah Woodruff at [shelah@ccum.net](mailto:shelah@ccum.net).

**Youth, children and parents are invited to join together to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at Portland Promise Center** on Sunday, November 24. We will eat lunch together after church and then carpool to Portland Promise Center from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Visit [www.ccum.net/portland](http://www.ccum.net/portland) to sign up.

**New Refugee Family** A refugee family from the Democratic Republic of Congo will arrive this week. Items are needed to fill their home to help prepare them for life in the United States. Please visit <https://ccum.net/serve/> for a list of needed items and volunteer opportunities. Please return donations to the Gathering Hall as soon as you are able. Contact Shelah Woodruff, Director of outreach, at 882-9681 or [shelah@ccum.net](mailto:shelah@ccum.net).

## 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?

  
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