

Christ Church United Methodist

December 4, 2022

(in-person) 9 am
(live-streamed & in-person) 11:15 am

Second Sunday of Advent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Liz Curtis Higgs

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Celebration Ringers
Dr. Shawn Dawson, conductor

arr. Sandra Eithun

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Deborah Fillebrown & Carol Sypher
(11:15) The Slone Family

First Reader: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

Second Reader: God has a dream for the world of peace for all, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world where people from all walks of life come together, where war and hate are memories, and we bless one another at one table.

All: We worship the Lord of All who brings peace that surpasses all understanding.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Hymn 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

***INVITATION**

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live
in peace with one another.
Therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

People: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us all pray silently and confess our sins to God.
(*All pray in silence*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Now hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.
That proves God's love for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

Howard Helvey

◇ 11:15

What Sweeter Music
Chancel Choir Sopranos and Altos

Eleanor Daley

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 95

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.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

(9:00) David Owen
(11:15) John Brunner

SERMON

Veiled In Flesh

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (*turn to page 24 in the hymnal*)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Johannes Brahms

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Ben Williams, oboe; Daniel Light, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

Wait for the Lord

Taizé

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Daniel Light, piano

arr. Daniel Light

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

Pastor: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for
others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymn 216

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as those of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter
when half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind:
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior
when half-spent was the night.**

**This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

‡ Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light and Deanna Catlett, piano

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** *Announcements are located on the following pages*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES 2022

Love Incarnate, Love Divine

Our Christmas tradition continues with five concerts featuring our 120-voice Chancel Choir, 30 handbell ringers, and a 27-piece orchestra. Come experience the joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Christ with us!
Admission is free.

Sunday, December 4 | 5 pm

Wednesday, December 7 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 11 | 9 & ‡ 11:15 am

Tuesday, December 13 | 7:30 pm

‡ The 11:15 Concert on December 11 will be available on livestream.

ADVENT 2022

Blue Christmas | Sunday, December 18 | 4 pm | Sanctuary

Blue Christmas is a worship service designed as a gift of love and hope to those who may have experienced suffering or loss over the course of the past few years. In trying and painful times, we come to God and look to Christ's light for comfort and peace. Communion will be served and the service will be live-streamed at ccum.net/live. Childcare will be available.

Carols of Care | Monday, December 19 | 6 pm

Let's go caroling to help spread Christmas Cheer! Meet us at Entrance 1 to collect candles, jingle bells and maps. Groups will travel to neighborhoods. If you're interested in being a part of this event, please contact Lisa Watkins at lisa@ccum.net for more information.

Christmas Eve Worship | Saturday, December 24 | Sanctuary

3 pm* | 5 pm* | 8 pm | 10:45 pm

3 pm service is designed for families with young children

3 pm and 5 pm services will be live-streamed at ccum.net/live

Christmas Day Worship | Sunday, December 25 | 10 am

Worship only. No Sunday School or childcare.

New Years Day Worship | Sunday, January 1 | 10 am

Worship only. No Sunday School or childcare.

*indicates that childcare is available for ages 3 and under

THIS MORNING

The flowers displayed in the Chancel area today have been given in loving memory of our parents, Julia and Bill Yackey and Kay and Jack Wetzel by Steve and Debbie Yackey and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Appreciation

During the Christmas season, it has become a **Christ Church tradition** to recognize our church staff for their dedication to promoting our mission and for their efforts in helping all of us as we are becoming *living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. The Staff Parish Relations Committee wants to give you the opportunity to show your appreciation to the staff by making a contribution towards a gift for each of them, if you are able to do so.

To **express your gratitude** to our staff we have a couple of options to choose from:

- Make a check payable to Christ Church with "*Staff Appreciation*" in the memo line.
- Make an online contribution go to ccum.net/give and choose "*Staff Appreciation*" in the Designated Fund drop-down box.

Your contributions will be presented in the form of Kroger gift cards. If you wish to add a personal card or note, we would love to share it with the staff. **Please send your gift by December 5, 2022.**

Christmas Concert Parking Attendants Needed!

The Christmas concerts are almost here and we need your help directing traffic and parking. As a thank you, there will be **reserved priority seating for volunteers**, so you can come in and enjoy the concert. **Please consider helping!** Email Mike Porter to sign up: mike@ccum.net.

Festival of Stars

There is still an opportunity to give to **Festival of Stars!** We are accepting **donations towards the purchase of gift cards** for the children at Lighthouse Ministries and residents of the Healing Place and United Methodist Home for Children and Youth. Please visit ccum.net/give and select *Festival of Stars* from the dropdown menu.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast | Saturday, December 10 | 8 am | Fellowship Hall

Men of all ages are invited to join us the second Saturday of the month for **breakfast, fellowship and a guest speaker**. Join us as we hear from Dr. Jeff Goodwin on the status and activities for Scout troop 317, which is based here at Christ Church. Come and bring a friend!

Booked For Lunch is a **monthly book club for women** of all ages! We believe fiction stories provide a powerful avenue for thinking more deeply about God and the world. We **meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at noon**—bring a lunch and join us! The **next meeting is this Thursday, December 8**. We will be reading *A Lowcountry Christmas* by Mary Alice Monroe. The list of future books can be found at ccum.net/adults.

Parents of College Students!

We are hosting a brunch for our college students while they are home for Christmas break on **Sunday, December 18 at 10 am in the Café**. Parents, so that we can send them invitations directly, please email their updated contact information to Lisa at lisa@ccum.net.

SAM December Luncheon | Monday, December 12

Join SAM for our final lunch of the year as we host the **Butler High School Concert Choir at a special time of 11 am** in the Chapel. Afterwards, we'll come together for a **festive Christmas lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12 pm**. Reservations for lunch (\$10) by December 8 at 12 pm at ccum.net/sam.

Registration for the Laudate Winter Retreat is now open!

The retreat is happening on **January 27-28**. We will be spending Friday night rehearsing, having fun, playing games, etc. and then we will spend Saturday performing for various living facilities and organizations in the metro Louisville area. **This is our big service event of the year**, and we hope you can be a part of it! Register now at ccum.net/youthmusic.

Kids and teens, grades 6 - 12 | Join us weekly in the Youth Center!

Sunday evenings at 6 pm for Youth Group

Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for Open Youth Center

Gaming, doing homework, or just hanging out!

Hope to see you there! Contact Rev. Mike Porter at mike@ccum.net, for more information.

Children's Ministry!

- **During the 9 and 11:15 am worship services**, K - 2nd grades will

begin in worship with their families and leave for Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn. Please note they will remain in worship on Communion Sundays.

- **Faith Formation resumes at 10:05 am!** We are excited to spend time praying, playing and learning Bible Stories with your children. Plus, we are focusing on building friendships this year so we have added extra playtime to each session!

Men's Morning Coffee | Tuesdays | 7 - 8 am | Fellowship Hall

We invite you to come join other men on Tuesday mornings anytime between 7 - 8 am. **Stop in grab a coffee and donut**, connect/reconnect with old and new friends and listen to a short devotional.

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to our weekly gathering. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net to be sent the Zoom link.