

# Christ Church United Methodist

December 18, 2022

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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

*O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings  
to Zion (from Messiah)*  
Susan Blosser, mezzo soprano  
Dr. Shawn Dawson, harpsichord  
String Quartet

G.F. Handel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) The Sells Family  
(11:15) The Burgard Family

First Reader: During Advent we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ, the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world, and the candle of Joy, remembering the Lord of all who brings joy. Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love

Second Reader: God created this world in love and this world is sustained by the love of God. God's love pervades all aspects of this life. From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to loved ones, God's love is there.

**All: We remember God is Love and worship today loving God and one another.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Hymn 211

**Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show; and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]**

**O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]**

**O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.[Refrain]**

\*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

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Hymn 160

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

*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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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

OFFERING MUSIC

‡ 9:00

*Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
Chapel Choir

Howard Helvey

◇ 11:15

*And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)*  
Chancel Choir  
String Quartet

G.F. Handel

\*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 1:39-45*

(9:00) Trudy Wheeler  
(11:15) Elizabeth Gibbs

SERMON

*A One and Only Love*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn 196

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'*  
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

Andrew Carter

† Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

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\*\**Announcements are located on the following pages*

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## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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**

Special thanks to the following people for providing music in today's service: Ray Weaver and Charles Brestel, violin; Cindy Watson, viola; Eva Rouse, cello.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in honor of our incredible ministers from a grateful community.

The flowers in the Gathering Hall this morning are given in loving memory of Ann Sibley Ruby by her family.

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sue Doderer who died December 9, 2022.

We apologize for the errors in last week's enews. Please, see the corrected names in this announcement: Christian sympathy is extended to Joe (Pam) Fenley and Jennie (Victor) Gomez and on the death of their mother, Joe Ann Fenley, who died December 4. Christian sympathy is also extended to grandchildren Heather, Hope and Chip Fenley and Max and Ania Gomez.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Charge Conference** | January 29, 2023 | 12:30 pm | Room 158

All Administrative Council members are asked to attend and all church members are invited to attend this annual church business meeting.

Join our next upLIFT Moms Night Out for **Dinner & Blind (Book) Date!** We'll meet at **Noosh Nosh** on **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30pm**. Bring a copy of one of your favorite books, wrapped and ready to exchange! Please **register by January 8** at [ccum.net/uplift](http://ccum.net/uplift) so we have enough room at the table.

Please, **donate your used tablets** for senior adults who would like to experience worship online. If Santa brings you a new iPad, Kindle or tablet, please **bring your old one to the front desk** with your name on it so we know who it is from. We will try to clean and reuse them. Thank you for paying it forward!

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** | Tuesday, January 10 | 2 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall

Please make an appointment by contacting Kim Brice at 502-727-2581 or [kim.brice@icloud.com](mailto:kim.brice@icloud.com).

We are looking for volunteers to join the **Recycling Ministry**.

**Once a month**, volunteers collect recycling bins in the church and school and take them to Recycling Centers. If you are available and interested, contact Keri Mitchell at [keri@ccum.net](mailto:keri@ccum.net).

### Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

This year's Christmas Eve offering will benefit **the Portland Promise Center**.

For over 60 years, the Center has faithfully served the Portland neighborhood of Louisville, seeking to be a beacon of hope in that community. Whether providing tax services, community dinners or running programs for our children, the mission remains the same: to enrich the lives of children and youth by meeting physical, educational and spiritual needs. This year, we began a brand-new early education program to help children before they even enter Kindergarten. We believe that by reaching children at a young age, we can help shape their future for years to come. Thank you for being a part of the ministry of the Portland Promise Center.

**New Sunday School Class** | Starting January 15 | 10 am | Room 258

Looking for a way to meet folks at Christ Church? Join the **Welcome Class** for fellowship and devotions. It's a flexible group so you can come when you're able. All are welcome!

**2023 Marriage Retreat** | February 3 - 4 | AC Marriott in NULU

This is a great weekend to reconnect with our spouses, celebrate our relationships, and reignite the spark of joy and fun in our lives together. Register now at [ccum.net/adults](http://ccum.net/adults).

**Sanctuary Series: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza** | Saturday, February 4 | Sanctuary

Instrument Petting Zoo | 9:30 - 11 am

Concert | 11 am - 12 pm

Pizza | 12 pm

In collaboration with the Louisville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, this fun event invites children of all ages to see and experience a variety of musical instruments up close - from the strings and woodwinds to the mighty pipe organ. After hearing all of these instruments played together in concert, we will share a pizza lunch! There is no cost for this event, but please register at [ccum.net/pedals](http://ccum.net/pedals).

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:katie@ccum.net) to be sent the Zoom link.