

Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Rev. Rebecca Curry

PRELUDE

Ukrainian Bell Carol  
High School Handbells

Mykolo Leonovich  
arr. Hart Morris

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn 196

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

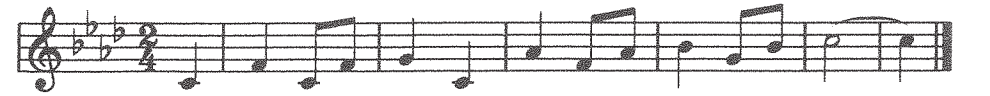
People: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:  
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,  
and was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.  
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The Pathway to Light

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

PASTORAL PRAYER: CANTICLE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS



The peo-ple who walked in dark-ness have seen a great light.

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.

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

OFFERING

9:00

(Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down the pew.)

Still, Still, Still

One Voice

Norman Luboff

Kathy Kicklighter, piano

11:15

Sussex Carol

Chancel Choir Sopranos and Altos  
Suzie Kinman, flute

Colin T. Overland

\*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

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:11-14

9:00 Kimberly Jackson  
11:15 Russ Wardlaw

SERMON

The Night is Nearly Over

Rev. Brandon Dirks

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is no hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:24-25

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymn 206

\*SENDING FORTH

\*POSTLUDE

Recessional on “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”

J.S. Bach

\*indicates standing as you are able.

Announcements

**Connect to Christ Church** If you want to learn more about Christ Church, you are invited to Connect with Christ Church! This is a two-week series which takes place as part of our Recharge Wednesdays. The first session for 2020 will be held on January 8 and January 15, from 6 to 7:30 pm in Room 158. You will learn about how to get connected to the mission and ministries of the church. Visit <https://ccum.net/connect> to register or contact Mark Coile at [mark@ccum.net](mailto:mark@ccum.net) or 502-893-2201 x277. Childcare is provided.

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 in the chancel area are given by **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dangremond** in honor of Dr. George Strunk and family for many years of giving to Christ Church United Methodist and also in loving memory of our brother-in-law, J.C. Juett.

Our Church Family

(as of Wednesday, December 4)

Hospital: Beyer Covington [Norton Children’s]

Large-print hymnals and bulletins, weighted bulletins and hearing devices and loops are available.

Presence and Gifts

(as of Sunday, December 1)

Brownsboro Road Worship	994	Sunday Prepare Groups	490
Plant Faith Communities	33	November Small Groups	497
Fourth Ave Thanksgiving	207		
Livestream Worship	114		
	1,348		

Contributions Received Week Ending December 1, 2019:	\$	58,820
Budgeted Contributions through November 30, 2019:	\$	3,172,387
Actual Contributions Received through November 30, 2019:	\$	2,977,463

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

Confirmation Journey 2020

Confirmation is an important milestone in the spiritual life of our 8th graders. It is time of exploration, study and learning which leads to your child deciding for him or herself if they feel ready and called to publicly take the vows that were made on their behalf at their baptism and become a member of the United Methodist Church. If your child would like be part of the 2020 Confirmation Journey, please register at *www.ccum.net/youth*. Parents are invited to attend a parents meeting to learn more about this important journey on Sunday, January 5, 5 to 6 pm in Room 004.



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Christmas and Advent Events

Advent Sermon Series *The Light Is Near*

**Advent Study Opportunities** led by Jennie Weeks and Rev. Brandon Dirks. 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 are offered Sunday mornings, Monday mornings and Monday evenings. Sign up online at *ccum.net/calendar*.

**Christmas Concerts** The annual Christmas Concert tradition continues with *O Radiant Dawn*. Join us as we celebrate the light of God brought into the world through His Son Jesus Christ. Concert dates and times are:

- Tonight at 5 pm
- Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday, December 15 at 9 and 11:15 am
- Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm

Come surround yourself with familiar carols and songs of the season offered by our Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, Jubilate Ringers, and orchestra. It is a worship experience not to be missed. Shuttle service from the Summit Office Park (at the corner of Brownsboro Road and N Hubbards Lane) begins one hour before each concert.

**Blue Christmas** Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm in our Chapel. The Blue Christmas service is a time of worship for those who may have experienced suffering or loss and for whom Christmas may not be a cheerful experience. Come and join us as we share in communion and pray together for God’s eternal love to sustain us, strengthen us and give us hope. Contact Rev. Melissa Head for questions at *melissa@ccum.net* or 893-2201 ext. 263.

**Blue Christmas for Youth and Children** Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm in the Youth Center. If you are a youth or child who has lost a loved one this year, we would like to provide a time for you to remember your loved one before the Christmas holiday. We will spend our time reflecting and remembering those we’ve lost by making special Christmas ornaments.

**Holiday Hope Caroling** Wednesday, December 18. Spread joy and Holiday Hope with our caroling event. Meet at the youth area in the rear of the church at 6 pm and join a merry band of carolers! This Intergenerational Event will be your most remembered experience of the Christmas Season! No one is too old and no one is too young to attend! Email *lisa@ccum.net* if you have questions, or just want to let us know you’re coming.

**Boy Scout Troop 317 Christmas Tree Stand** is open and ready for you to come pick out your tree and wreaths. These are of the highest quality, at bargain prices, all to support a great cause. You can find your perfect tree in the church’s back parking lot. All 7-9’ Frazier Firs are available. Come early for best selection! Open weekday evenings and weekends until sold out.

**Christmas Eve Worship** Christmas Eve worship services will be held in the Sanctuary at 3 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm and 10:45 pm. Communion will be served at 5 pm, 8 pm and 10:45 pm worship services. The 3 pm worship service is designed for families with young children although everyone is welcome. Childcare is available at the 3 pm, 5 pm and 8 pm worship services.

