

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

9:00 Rev. Melissa Head

11:15 Rev. Jacob Cogman

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 220

*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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 238

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;

come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

BAPTISMAL COVENANT (11:15)

Finley Grace Bellucci (8/25/2019), daughter of Susan and Jay Bellucci

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care

Finley, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God.

Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love

of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ

that Finley, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith

and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Hymn 609

You have put on Christ, in Christ you have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The Pathway to Light

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

CALL TO PRAYER

Wait for the Lord

Taizé

Wait for the Lord, His 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.

Children Kindergarten through Second Grade may follow the banner

out the side door of the Sanctuary for Children’s Chapel in Room 132.

OFFERING

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

9:00

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Philip Kern

One Voice

Kathy Kicklighter, piano

11:15

For Unto Us a Child is Born

Handel

Chancel Choir

Ray Weaver and Charles Brestel, violin

Cindy Watson, viola

Eva Rouse, cello

*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

Isaiah 11:1-9

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9:00 Jenny Fishback

11:15 Taylor Amerman

SERMON

The Way to Peace

Rev. Becki Curry

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

CLOSING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 230

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

“Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to all people on earth!”

*indicates standing as you are able.

Announcements

Join us for 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. Christ Church Nursery Room # 115 is open to

children ages 3 and under during the 3 pm and 5 pm Christmas Eve services.

Please join us for a new **Grief Support Group** beginning Wednesdays, January 22

through February 10 from 11 am to noon in the Prayer room. Call or e-mail Alicia

Lewis at alicia@ccum.net or 893-2201x226, to register. Led by Rev. Melissa Head.

All are welcome from our church and the community.

Altar Flowers are available on the second Sunday in January. If you would like to

sponsor the altar flowers on January 12, 2020, please contact Leigh Ray at [lray@](mailto:lray@ccum.net)

[ccum.net](mailto:lray@ccum.net) or 502-893-2201 x222.

Large-print hymnals and bulletins, weighted

bulletins and hearing devices and loops are

available.

This Morning

The flowers in the chancel area have been given by Bill and Debbie Cook in loving

memory of their daughter Susan.

Our Church Family (as of Wednesday, December 18)

Hospital or Rehab: Jary Freeman [Baptist]; Beyer Covington [Norton Children’s];

Larry Hampton [Norton Brownsboro]; Cindy Barr [Baptist]; Amy Moore

[Baptist]

Christian Sympathy is extended to Linda George on the death of her sister, Dixie,

who died this week.

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.

Presence and Gifts (as of Sunday, December 15)

Brownsboro Road Worship 1772 Sunday Prepare Groups 329

Plant Faith Communities 128 November Small Groups 497

Livestream Worship

Christmas Concert 12/17

Contributions Received Week Ending December 15, 2019: \$ 57,614

Budgeted Contributions through November 30, 2019: \$ 3,172,387

Actual Contributions Received through November 30, 2019: \$ 2,977,463



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

Jesus Girls Bible Study with Liz Curtis Higgs Each Tuesday, January 7 through January 28, 10 - 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Register at www.ccum.net/adults.

Adult Classes and Studies list for Winter and Spring of 2020 is now available and copies can be found on the information boards throughout the building. You can also read about these classes and register online at www.ccum.net/studies. Classes include Bible Studies, book studies, and topical studies. For more information contact Jennie Weeks, Director of Adult Classes and Studies at jennie@ccum.net or 893-2201, x234.

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, 5-6pm in room 004.

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 6:00 to 7:30 pm in room 158. Visit www.ccum.net/connect to register or contact Mark Coile at mark@ccum.net or 502-893-2201 x277.



Serve

January Blood Drive Scheduled Tuesday, January 21 from 2 to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can also be made for your convenience. Contact Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581 for appointments and for more information.

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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