

# **Christ Church United Methodist**

January 1, 2023

(live-streamed & in-person) 10 am

## **Epiphany Sunday Order of Worship**

WELCOME

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

PRELUDE

*Good Christian Men Rejoice*  
‡ Quintessential Trio

arr. Daniel Kelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Leigh Ann Maynard

Leader: On this new day of this New Year, Christ's Church has gathered.

**All: We stand as one body before the One who gave us life, who  
gives us purpose, and who calls us to serve Him with joy and gladness.**

Leader: Great are You Lord and most worthy of praise. Your kingdom is an  
everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures through all  
generations.

**All: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and  
power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Once in Royal David's City*

Hymn 250

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;  
Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us he grew;  
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things,  
Father of Nations, the source of all goodness and beauty,  
all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher,  
example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance,  
for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer,  
and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments  
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church, those who are united in the living Lord  
for the purpose of worship and service.  
We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society,  
and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.  
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness,  
and in the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
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Hymn 238

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO PRAYER

*Away in a Manger*  
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Hymn 217

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

*Greensleeves*  
‡ Quintessential Trio

arr. Daniel Kelley

\*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.

Hymn 95

\*SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 2:1-14*

Betsy Gibbs

SERMON

*Rising for Christmas*

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Hymn 224

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: News, news!  
Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door,  
and ye are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!  
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!

### SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

*Pat-a-pan*

arr. Daniel Kelley

† Quintessential Trio

‡ Susan Kinman, flute; Sharon Cates, clarinet; Nan Tate, bassoon

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

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## THIS MORNING

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Carroll and Dorothy Garrison (parents), Patricia Garrison Aicken (sister) and Walt Calain (brother-in-law) given by Ronda Garrison.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holiday Closing** | The building will be closed:

Sunday, January 1 at 12 pm

Monday, January 2

**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).

**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).

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**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.