

Epiphany

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Bethlehem

Michael Helman

Celebration Ringers

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Three Kings

Hymn 254

*INVITATION

Rev. Rebecca Curry

Pastor: 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.

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

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: 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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

OFFERING

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

9:00

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Craig Courtney

Women’s Ensemble

11:15

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

*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

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 1 (NT) in the pew Bible

9:00 Colleen Endres

11:15 George Thacker

SERMON

The Bethlehem Star

Rev. Brandon Dirks

*SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please turn to page 24 in your 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.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

If you need gluten free elements, please tell your server. If you cannot comfortably
kneel, feel free to stand. If you are unable to come forward, indicate that to the
servers as they come down the aisles.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The First Noel

Hymn 245

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

9:00

Suzie Kinman, flute

11:15

Steve Causey, horn

Ben Williams, oboe

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

People: 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 DISCIPLESHP

*CLOSING HYMN

There’s a Song in the Air

Hymn 249

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Traditional

*indicates standing as you are able.

Large-print hymnals, bulletins, hearing devices and
loops are available. Please ask an usher if you need
assistance.

Becoming living proof of God’s love, one person at a time.

Announcements

Charge Conference

to set the 2020 budget is scheduled for Monday, January 27 at
6:30 pm in Room 158. All Ad Council members are asked to attend and all church
members are welcome to attend. Prearranged childcare is available.

CareGiver to CareGiver Support Group

will meet Monday, January 6 from
3:00 to 4:30 pm in room 253. This is a lay-led group for anyone who cares for a
loved one with unique needs: parent, spouse, adult child, sibling, extended family
member or friend. Contact Melissa Head at 893-2201 x263 or melissa@ccum.net.

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
tonight from 5 to 6 pm in room 004.

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 6:00 to 7:30 pm in room 158. You will learn
about how to get connected to the mission and ministries of the church. Visit
www.ccum.net/connect to register or contact Mark Coile at mark@ccum.net or
502-893-2201 x277.

This Morning

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

Our Church Family

(as of Wednesday, January 1)

Hospital and Rehab: Hospital and Rehab: Jary Freeman [Episcopal Church
Home]; Larry Hampton [Sam Swope Center]; Nancy Hampton [Dominion Senior
Living]

Christian sympathy is extended to Sharon Burckardt on the death of her father,
Robert Smith, who died December 22; John and Theresa Bondurant on the death
of Theresa’s sister, Cherrell Rose, who died December 24; Steve and Sue Causey
and Daniel McAninch on the death of Sue’s brother and Daniel’s son, Tom
McAninch, who died December 28; Jim and Mary Fleming on the death of Jim’s
father.

Presence and Gifts (Week of Sunday, December 29)			
Brownsboro Road Worship	672	Sunday Prepare Groups	301
Plant Faith Communities	78	December Small Groups	423
Livestream Worship	149		
	899		

Contributions Received Week Ending December 29, 2019:	\$ 121,325
Budgeted Contributions through December 31, 2019:	\$ 3,867,979
Actual Contributions Received through December 29, 2019:	\$ 3,578,330



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

Get Fit! Did you know we offer free, fun and encouraging fitness classes at Crist Church? Any and all are welcome! Monday REFIT® at 6:15 pm in the Gym; Friday REV+FLOW at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall; Saturday REFIT® at 8 am in the Gym. For more information, contact Jenny Fishback at jrosenthal77@yahoo.com or visit REFIT + Jenny and friends on Facebook and Instagram.

No Men’s Breakfast this month! All men are encouraged to register/attend the Men’s Meet & Meat on January 12. For more information on United Methodist Men, contact Rob Stockwell at stockwellre@hotmail.com.

Men’s Meet & Meat Lunch Sunday, January 12 from 12:15 to 2 pm in Fellowship Hall with Special Guest, Rev. George Burke, Pastor of Coke Memorial UMC - “Power, Money, Sex: Becoming a Kingdom Man.” Rev. Burke masterfully teaches that a Kingdom Man is one who stands out in a crowd, not for his physical presence, but for his ‘aliveness’ in Christ. This event is for any man who is tired of trying to live up to what the WORLD says a real man is. Let’s take a look at what God says. This is a GREAT event to bring a co-worker, a neighbor, a son, a father, a grandfather. There is a suggested donation of \$12 and pre-registration is needed to ensure plenty of MEAT! *Register at www.ccum.net/calendar.*



Serve

Love the Hungry Join us on January 12 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we pack over 20,000 meals to love the hungry in our city and around the world! All are welcome.

Blood Drive 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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