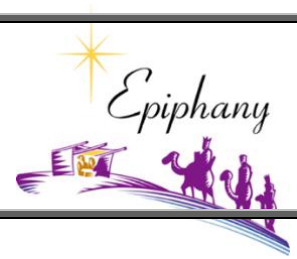




CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 4, 2026
PASTOR ~ REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN



At Christ United Methodist Church
we want to help you take your next steps with Christ.
Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM
Worship ~ 10:00 AM

* We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We pray you find a warm welcome and a moving worship experience.

- * Please register your attendance on the *Connection Card* found in the pew book holder.
- * Nursery for **children ages 5 and under** is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher for assistance in locating.
- * Children **Kindergarten thru Fifth grade** will be dismissed for Children's Church following the Children's Moment. Children's Church is also in the Fellowship Hall.
- * Williams Hearing Assist listening devices are available at the sound booth.

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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| > Jeremiah 31:7-14 | > Psalm 147:12-20 |
| > Ephesians 1:3-14 | > John 1:1-18 |



Donations haven been given

In Memory of Gene Spann by Ginny Bramblett

In Memory of Bruce Shaver by JoAnn Grigsby

In Honor of Tami Galipo by Leigh Ann Raynor for Little Angels Attie

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice / He Is Exalted* Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

GREETING TIME

RESPONSIVE LITANY Lay Reader & Congregation

Leader: We gather as people looking for the star, a sign that God is at work in the world.

All: God, help us find your glory.

Leader: We gather as people listening for the whispers of the Spirit, hints of the good news in the least likely places.

All: God, help us notice your glory.

Leader: We gather as people yearning for Love's presence, the assurance that we are not alone and Love will have the last word.

All: God, help us encounter your glory.

Leader: On this Epiphany Sunday, may the Light of Love shine among us, revealing divine glory through neighbors known and unknown, vulnerable children, and unexpected gifts.

All: God, reveal to us anew the glory of your expansive Love that gathers us together and sustains us in loving service to one another and all creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

* HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH # 220 vs 1, 3, & 4 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ UMH # 8

Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH # 881

* GLORIA PATRI

UMH # 70

MORNING PRAYER

Lay Reader

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH # 254 vs 1 & 5 *We Three Kings*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lay Reader

OFFERTORY MUSIC

God of Wonders

Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

* DOXOLOGY

UMH # 95

* HYMN

TFWS # 2173 vs 1 & 3 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

* SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

Lay Reader

SERMON

"Epiphany"

Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 12: THE EPIPHANY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Sovereign of the universe, our light and our salvation.

Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you alone are God.

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, singing (saying):

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Truly holy are you, Father. In the fullness of time you revealed yourself in your blessed Son Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Through him we are saved and baptized into your service.

You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, have led persons from far distances to him.

In his baptism and in his table fellowship he identified with sinners. He preached good news to the poor, proclaimed release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, set free the oppressed, and announced that the time had come when you would save your people.

On the night his disciples betrayed and deserted him he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church. His presence has continued with his people, as they have been baptized into him, and in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup, in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we, who in past years have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, now offer ourselves to you anew, in union with Christ's sacrifice for us, [and in renewal of our baptismal vows,] as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ; be one body in him, cleansed by his blood; and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION TO OUR AT HOME FRIENDS

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH # 383 vs 1, 3, & 4 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March in D

Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.

SERVING TODAY IN MINISTRY

Acolytes:

Mason List, Tyler Davidson

Children's Church:

Trinity List, Thomas Schoonover

Counter:

Margo Whitaker

Lay Reader:



Media & Sound:

Mike Crocker

Ushers:

Harry Hall * & Nikki Massey

* help with offering



What a blessing to have the support and love of this congregation as demonstrated by your Christmas love offering. We are grateful to serve alongside you in ministry and look forward to 2026!

14: Ann Bailey



The **2026 Flower Calendar** is on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex or email LouAnn, admin@christunited.net the pertinent information. Flowers may be purchased *In Honor of, In Memory of, or To The Glory of God.*
Cost: \$65 for two arrangements / **\$45** for one.

Music Ministries Practice resumes
Wednesday, January 7th

Children's Programming resumes
Sunday, January 11th

CHRISTMAS EVE: 83 in-person / 2 on-line / 287 FB views

DECEMBER 28 ATTENDANCE: 45 in-person / 9 on-line / 207 FB views
