

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Christmas Meditation* Handbell Choir
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME Lay Reader
GREETING TIME
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Carolyn and Zoey Evans
RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: As we enter this season of Advent, we gather with anticipation, waiting
for the arrival of the one who brings light into our darkness.

R ~ People: Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.

Leader: When we feel weary or burdened, we trust in God who renews our
strength and fills our hearts with hope. **R**

Leader: When we see injustice and suffering, we are reminded of the coming
Christ who will make things right.. **R**

Leader: In our times of struggle, may we remember the promises of God who is
with us, guiding us toward a future of restoration. **R**

Leader: As we wait for the Christ child, may our hearts be open to his light
and our lives be ready to reflect his love and grace. **R**

Leader: As we walk this Advent journey, may we be bearers of hope to those
around us, proclaiming with our lives that Christ is near. O Emmanuel,
God with us, we place our hope in you. **R**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE UMH # 211 (vs 1, 4, 6, 7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 Lay Reader & Congregation

* GLORIA PATRI UMH # 70

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Lay Reader & Congregation

REFLECTIVE MEDITATION *People, Look East* Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lay Reader

OFFERTORY MUSIC Handbell Choir and Organ
Fantasia on Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
* DOXOLOGY UMH # 95
SPECIAL MUSIC *Carol of the Bells* Handbell Choir
* SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:36-44
SERMON "Sign of the Times" Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH # 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
* BENEDICTION
* POSTLUDE *Coventry Carol* Handbell Choir
* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.

IN OUR HEARTS & you PRAYERS

Tommy Manus (Hall's brother-in-law), Angelina Stencil (Whitaker's daughter)

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Zoe Wilcher

Children's Church: Teris Jaglowicz

Counter: Mike Crocker

Lay Reader: Tami Galipo

Live Stream: Sandy Dempster

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Harry Hall * / Bryan List

*help with offering

Little Angels Attic has purchased larger toys for the Christmas openings. If you would like to help offset the cost, please make your donation to the Church and note "LAA". Thank you for helping to bring the light and love of Christ to our neighbors!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the Narthex on the Welcome Desk. Stop and get yours!



Next, and last, meeting this year

December 2, 6pm

Admin Bldg Serenity room

POC: Jennifer Davidson



You are invited to drop-in at the
Parsonage

Saturday, December 6th

4 - 6PM

Finger foods & fellowship

Food will be provided but you are
welcome to bring your favorite holiday snack or treat!

203 Oak Forest Lane, Warner Robins



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & COOKIE EXCHANGE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

11:30AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

Lunch will be provided and an offering will be accepted.

If you wish to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 3-dozen
homemade, regular size cookies. **RSVP to Shirley Hall, 478.951.3524 NLT
Friday, December 5th.**



Our staff has served us extremely well during 2025 often
placing service to our church family above self. It is fitting
that we demonstrate our love and appreciation for the
staff's loyalty and dedication during this Christmas season.
Please prayerfully consider what you and your family
would like to contribute. Please place your contribution in
the offering plate (marked 'staff gift') or send/bring to the
church office by **Friday, December 19th**. Our committee
extends best wishes to you and your family for a very

Merry Christmas!



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PASTOR ~ THE 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

> Isaiah 2:1-5

> Psalm 122

> Romans 13:11-14

> Matthew 24:36-44

NOVEMBER 23: ATTENDANCE: 61 / 11 on-line / 150 FB Views

