



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 7, 2025  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
PASTOR ~ THE REV. DR. PETER VERMEULEN



Welcome,  
GUESTS!

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 11:1-10

> Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

> Romans 15:4-13

> Matthew 3:1-12

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Robbie Hamm (April Wilcher's brother), McMichael Family



The flowers in the Altar area are given to the **Glory of God in Honor of Bill & Gail Goodwin's 64th Anniversary.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE	<i>Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts</i>	Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME		
GREETING TIME		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES		The List Family
RESPONSIVE LITANY		The List Family

Leader: In this season of Advent, we wait for the Prince of Peace, who will come to bring wholeness to a fractured world.

**R ~ People: Prepare the way of the Lord with peace.**

Leader: When division and conflict surround us, we turn to Christ, the source of true peace, and long for his reconciliation in our hearts and in the world. **R**

Leader: In our homes, in our communities, and in our nations, we seek to be instruments of peace, reflecting the love of Christ in all we do. **R**

Leader: When anger and strife seem overwhelming, we trust in the calm presence of Christ, who can still the storms in our hearts and minds. **R**

Leader: In moments of anxiety, fear, or uncertainty, we invite the peace of Christ to fill our hearts and guide our actions. **R**

Leader: O God of peace, we await the coming of your Son, who will bring peace to all the earth. We remember that true peace comes not from the absence of conflict, but from the presence of Christ. **R**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE	UMH # 567 <i>Heralds of Christ</i>	
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ UMH # 8		Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI	UMH # 70	
MORNING PRAYER		Lay Reader
* HYMN OF PREPARATION		UMH # 204 <i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus / In Christ Alone</i>	Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
* DOXOLOGY	UMH #95	
SPECIAL <i>Waiting</i>	Chancel Choir	
* SCRIPTURE	Matthew 3:1-12	Lay Reader

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise be to God!**

SERMON	"John the Baptist"	Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 2: TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN-METHODIST

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

**It is meet and right to do so.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks unto thee, O Lord,

holy Father, almighty, everlasting God;

because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son,

to be born as at this time for us;

who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man,  
and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin;  
therefore with angels and archangels, and with the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,  
evermore praising thee, and singing (saying):

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory!**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there, by the one offering of himself,  
a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world;  
and did institute, and in his holy Gospel  
command us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,  
and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,  
according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his passion, death, and resurrection,  
may be partakers of the divine nature through him:

Who

in the same night that he was betrayed took bread;  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying, take eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;

and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,  
drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we thy humble servants  
desire thy fatherly goodness

mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that, by the merits and death  
of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood,  
we and thy whole church may obtain forgiveness of our sins,  
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,

ourselves, our souls and bodies,  
to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee  
that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion  
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept  
this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits,  
but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end.

**Amen.**

COMMUNION FOR OUR AT HOME FRIENDS

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH # 209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Swiss Noel*

Mrs. Delisa Kyzer

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

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### *SERVING TODAY*

**Acolytes:** Josie Wilcher, Zoe Wilcher

**Children's Church:** Robin Wilcher

**Counter, Media, & Sound:** Mike Crocker

**Lay Reader:** Anthony Dunn

**Live Stream:** Matt Bilbrey

**Ushers:** Steve Bilbrey \* / Chuck McManus

\*help count offering



**TODAY !!**

**CHURCH-WIDE**

Meet at the church at  
**4:00PM** as we go

caroling via hayride or carpool to share Christmas joy with others! We will come back to the church for a bonfire, hot chocolate, and s'mores. A marvelous time will be had by all!



**11:** Dick & Marti Howze ~ 54  
years

**14:** Justin & Sky Yelton ~ 1 year

**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!

**Additional volunteers are needed Tuesday** to help with the Christmas toy giveaway. Please prayerfully consider helping out and contact John McIntyre.

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**FINANCE FOCUS TEAM**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**4:15PM, Admin Bldg Conference Room**

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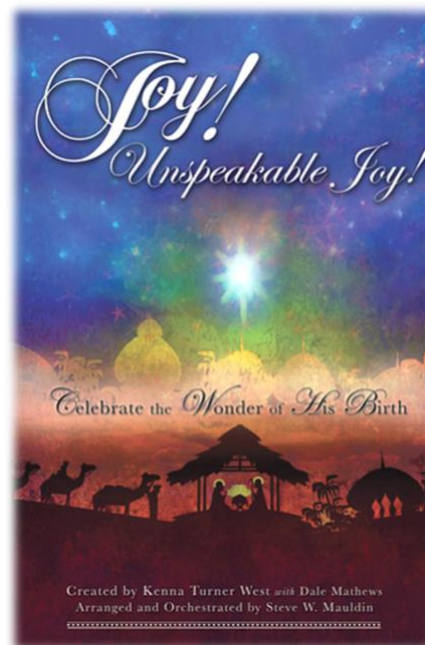
Our staff has served us extremely well during 2025 often placing service to our church family above self. It is fitting that we demonstrate our love and appreciation for the staff's loyalty and dedication during this Christmas season.

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 19<sup>th</sup>**. Our committee extends best wishes to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas!

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## *Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata*



**Sunday, December 14, 4PM**

*After the cantata, ALL are invited to stay for a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall. Meat, beverages, and dessert will be provided; please **bring a side dish** to share.*

*If you would like a ride to and from the Cantata and dinner, please contact the Church office, 478.922.0211.*

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**Needed: someone to manage the Blessing Box.** This would entail checking the box Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (or whenever fits into your schedule) and restocking as needed. Contact John McIntyre, 478.954.9035, to volunteer.

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NOVEMBER 30: ATTENDANCE:  
73 / 9 on-line / 180 FB Views

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