



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD 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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<https://www.ChristUnited.net> / Office Hours: M-Th 9am-4pm, Fri 9-11am

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

> Isaiah 35:1-10

> Psalm 146:5-10

> James 5:7-10

> Matthew 11:2-11

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Keri Hughes Davidson



The flowers in the Altar area are given by Fred Thompson to the **Glory of God in memory of Betty.**

A donation in memory of Tom McMichael has been given by Ginny Bramblett.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		
GREETING TIME		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES		The Moore Family
ADVENT RESPONSIVE LITANY		The Moore Family
Leader: We celebrate the coming of the one who brings great joy to the world. <i>R</i>		
R~People: Prepare the way of the Lord with joy.		
Leader: In the midst of waiting, we remember that joy is not found in what we have, but in who we welcome – the Savior, our true joy. <i>R</i>		
Leader: When the world feels heavy, we choose to lift our hearts in joy, knowing that God's presence with us brings light into the darkest places. <i>R</i>		
Leader: We celebrate the good news that Christ is near, and with his coming, joy is made complete in our hearts and in our lives. <i>R</i>		
Leader: In times of sorrow, we cling to the joy that is rooted in the hope of Christ, a joy that cannot be taken away. <i>R</i>		
Leader: O God, we open our hearts to the joy of your presence and prepare to welcome Christ, the greatest gift of all. May the joy of Christ fill our homes, our communities, and our world as we await his coming in glory. <i>R</i>		
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF PRAISE	UMH # 213 <i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI		UMH # 70
MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Lay Reader & Congregation
* HYMN OF PREPARATION	TFWS #2071 <i>Jesus, Name Above All Names</i>	
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Mary, Did You Know</i>	Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
* DOXOLOGY	UMH # 95	
SPECIAL MUSIC <i>Bethlehem Wind</i>	Chancel Choir	
* SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:39-56	Lay Reader
The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to God!		
SERMON	<i>"Mary"</i>	Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE		Screen ~ <i>Mary Heard the Angel's Message</i>
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER		
* BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
*Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.		

Acolyte:

Mason List

Children's Church:

Margo Whitaker, Thomas Schoonover

Counter:

Nikki Massey

Lay Reader:

Cathy Schoonover

Live Stream:

Sandy Dempster

Media & Sound:

Mike Crocker



17: Vicki Coulter, Judy Tygett

18: Cindy Curry, Zoe Wilcher

20: Carolyn Evans, Thomas

Schoonover

23: Kaela Lowe



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.

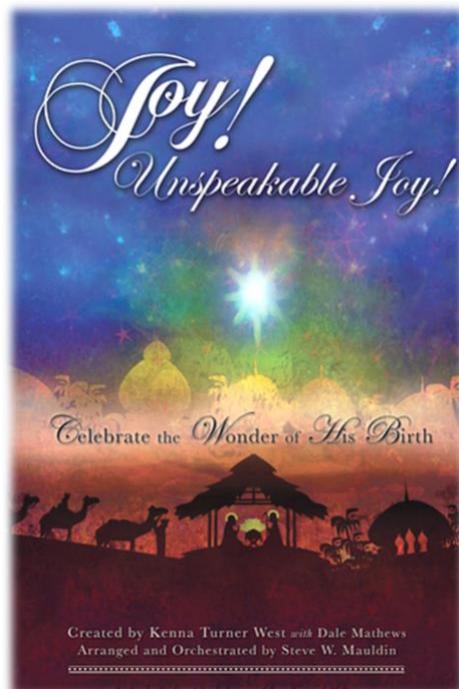
Please place your contribution in the offering plate (marked 'staff gift') or send/bring to the church office by **Friday, December 19th**. Our committee extends best wishes to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas!

LEADERSHIP BOARD ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th

5pm, Admin Bldg Conference Room

All are welcome to attend!

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata



TODAY, 4:30P

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.

Nursery provided for 5-year old's and younger.



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th**

7PM, SANCTUARY

Nursery provided for 5-year old's and younger.

DECEMBER 7 ATTENDANCE: 51 in-person / 10 on-line / 156 FB views

WHITE poinsettias have been donated to the Glory of God In Memory of:

My Parents ~ Lawrence & Clara Sisk by
Ginny Bramblett

Jesse & Estelle Peacock and Hiram &
Mildred Crenshaw by Ray & Anita Crenshaw

Our Parents by Bill & Gail Goodwin

My Parents ~ Rocky & Nell Pamperien by
Rex Smith

Betty Thompson by Fred Thompson

WHITE poinsettias have been donated to the Glory of God In Honor of:

My Grandchildren by Patsy Zoumberis

The facilities listed received blood from our last blood drive! Give blood—save lives!! 

THE JOURNEY OF A PINT OF LIFESAVING BLOOD BEGINS WITH YOU!

Blood products collected at our drive have been delivered to patients in need of vital care! Distribution included, but was not limited to, the following local hospitals: Atrium Health Navicent, Northside Hospital-Atlanta, Coastal Carolina Medical Center, Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Piedmont Hospital-Atlanta

Each local drive is an integral piece of a puzzle to secure a healthy, readily available blood supply in our community and for every American in need. When collections exceed need for patients in local communities, distribution is expanded to areas with low supply due to weather, seasonal illness, and other challenges. Ensuring a single drop of blood is not wasted is the Red Cross's way of honoring the selfless effort of every generous donor.

RED poinsettias have been donated to the Glory of God In Memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Buxton by Les & Charline
Arent

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Arent by Les & Charline
Arent

Al Eorio by Mike Eorio

Stella Thompson by Fred Thompson

Clarence & Phyllis Miller and Julius &
Mary Yuhasz by Ron & Jenny Yuhasz

RED poinsettias have been donated to the Glory of God In Honor of:

Charles Arent by Les & Charline Arent

Shanyn Humphry by Les & Charline Arent

Annette Eorio by Mike Eorio

Our Children, Grandchildren, & Great-
Grandchildren by Bill & Gail Goodwin

Delisa Kyzer by Edith Pierce

RED poinsettias have been donated to the Glory of God by:

John & Sharon McIntyre

~ Poinsettia's may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship. Any poinsettia's left on December 28th will be given away. ~



Wednesday, December 24th
thru

Friday, January 2nd

Merry Christmas and

Happy, Healthy New Year!!

Pray the BLESSINGS, HOPE, JOY,
LOVE, and PEACE the Christ Child brings is
with each of you today and throughout the
New Year!!