



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

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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>		
<i>R</i> ~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. <b>Praise be to God!</b>	
SERMON	"Mary"	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.		

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## SERVING TODAY

### 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: Raela 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.

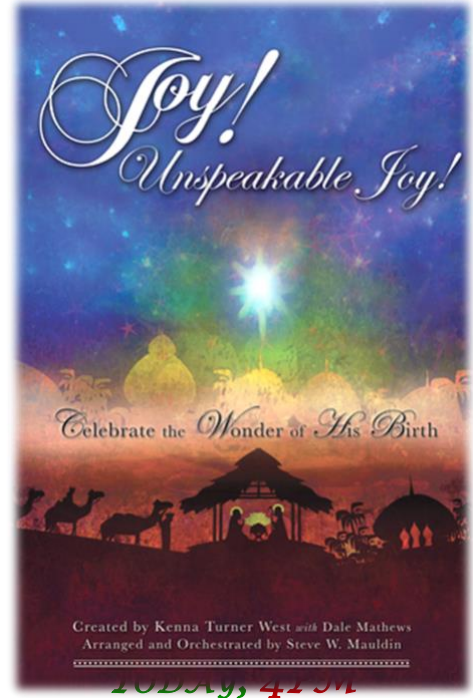
Please place your contribution in the offering plate (marked 'staff gift') or send/bring to the church office by **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. Our committee extends best wishes to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas!

**LEADERSHIP BOARD ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**5pm, Admin Bldg Conference Room**

All are welcome to attend!

## Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata



*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 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**7PM, SANCTUARY**

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

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

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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*

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

THE JOURNEY OF A PINT OF LIFESAIVING  
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.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> will be given away. ~

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**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**thru**  
**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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!!

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