

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME
GREETING TIME
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES The Davidson Family
* ADVENT RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: As we watch and wait, we are called to prepare our hearts with the love of Christ, who is coming to us anew. *R*

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

Leader: In a world often torn by division, we remember that Christ's love has the power to heal, reconcile, and to bring peace. *R*

Leader: Love calls us to action – may our hands and hearts be ready to serve, to care, and to share the love of Christ with those in need. *R*

Leader: In moments of difficulty and despair, let the love of Christ be our anchor, reminding us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. *R*

Leader: May the love of Christ fill our home, our communities, and our world, bringing light in the darkness and hope to the hopeless. *R*

Leader: O God of love, help us to embody your love in our daily lives, sharing it freely with all whom we encounter. As we wait the coming of the Prince of Peace, fill our hearts with love, and make us ready to embrace Christ in every moment. *R*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH # 240 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Lay Reader & Congregation
* GLORIA PATRI UMH # 70
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Lay Reader & Congregation
* HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH # 171

There's Something About That Name

OFFERTORY PRAYER Lay Reader
OFFERTORY MUSIC *What Child Is This* Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
* DOXOLOGY UMH # 95
SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Is Coming* Chancel Choir
* SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25
SERMON "Our God near at hand" Rev. Dr. Peter Vermeulen
* HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH # 217 *Away in a Manger*
* BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE *He Is Born* Mrs. Delisa Kyzer
* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS

Drew Bolden (List's)

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Akira Obi, Josie Wilcher

Children's Church: Margo Whitaker

Counter: Les Arent

Lay Reader: Vicki Coulter

Live Stream: Sandy Dempster

Media & Sound: Mike Crocker

Ushers: Thomas * & Cathy Schoonover

* help with offering



The flowers in the Altar area are given by Cathy, Hannah, & Rachel Schoonover to the **Glory of God in Honor of Thomas's birthday.**

A donation in memory of Bruce Shaver has been given by Judy Tygett.



27: Mason List



26: Ed & Elizabeth York
~ 72 years



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
7 PM, SANCTUARY

Nursery provided for children **Birth to 5 years of age.**



Wednesday, December 24th
thru Friday, January 2nd

Merry Christmas and Happiest 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!!

DECEMBER 14 ATTENDANCE: 51 in-person / 6 on-line / 174 FB views
CANTATA: 72



CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 21, 2025
FOURTH 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 7:10-16

> Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

> Romans 1:1-7

> Matthew 1:18-25