

Welcome to Christ UMC's
Family Worship Service

December 24, 2025

6:00 PM



Christ United Methodist Church
1020 S. Valley Forge Rd.
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We are so glad you are worshipping with us for Christmas Eve!

SERVICE NOTES:

- ◇ Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.
- ◇ Unless noted, we will sing just the first verse of the carols. Carol lyrics can be found on the screens or in the hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.
- ◇ This service is family-friendly. We never mind the sounds of children in worship. However, if you feel like you need extra space for your child to move around, there are toys in the lobby as well as an unstaffed nursery with a glider to the left of the sanctuary as you exit. Changing tables can be found in the restrooms.
- ◇ For those gathering virtually, we invite you to find the following items: bread and juice (for communion), candle/glow stick (for Silent Night).
- ◇ The asterisk(*) indicates for you to stand if you are able.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Christmas Songs for Violin and Piano”

M. Schultze

Malcom Campbell, violin, & Katie Campbell, organ

ADVENT READING & OPENING PRAYER

The McCartney Family

O Holy God, the one who is, who was and who is to come, thank you. Thank you for sending us Jesus, the one who is incarnate, the one who is with us in all things. Thank you for the peace that you give to us, the hope you instill in us, the joy that dwells in us, and the love that surpasses all things. Thank you for making the impossible possible and breathing new life into us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 234 (v. 1, 2)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Brooklyn G.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Bethlehem Night”

Terry D. Taylor
Cherub & Carol Choirs

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 1:18-21

Claire D. & Lily K.

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 211

SECOND LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

Naomi B. & Olivia W.

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:8-14

Elizabeth J. & Ian S.

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

No. 240

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20

Ryan W. & Jack W.

CAROL

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 220

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

OUR RESPONSE

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION "A Gift for the World" Rev. Tawny Bernhardt

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS TO GOD

Tithes, offerings, and gifts can be made electronically, or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY "Christmas Bells" arr. L. McKechnie

HOLY COMMUNION No. 15

COMMUNION CAROLS (sing all verses)

"Away in a Manger" No. 217

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 216

"What Child Is This" No. 219

*CANDLE LIGHTING

Please keep lighted candles upright. Tilt the unlit candles to receive the flame. As you pass the light of Christ to your neighbor, please say: "The Light of Christ."

*CAROL **"Silent Night, Holy Night"** No. 239 (all verses)

*CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION Olivia G.

*SENDING CAROL **"Joy to the World"** No. 246 (v. 1, 4)

POSTLUDE "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. P. Long

Organist: Katie Campbell

Officiating: Rev. Tawny Bernhardt, Rev. Zachary Hopple

Special Thanks

Christmas Eve is an incredibly busy day, and so I am incredibly thankful for all those who took time away from the busyness to worship with us! I am also thankful to all of our volunteers and staff whose contributions make these services possible. Because of their service, we are able to worship God more fully. Thank you and Merry Christmas! -Pastor Tawny



CHRIST KIDS' ARTWORK CORNER

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story this year?
Can you draw a picture of your favorite part of the story?



Are you interested in joining CUMC or learning more about our church?

Starting January 25th, 2026, we will have a 3-week Getting to Know CUMC class following the 11:00 AM service. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Zach to register. Lunch will be provided. There is no commitment to join our church if you take this class.

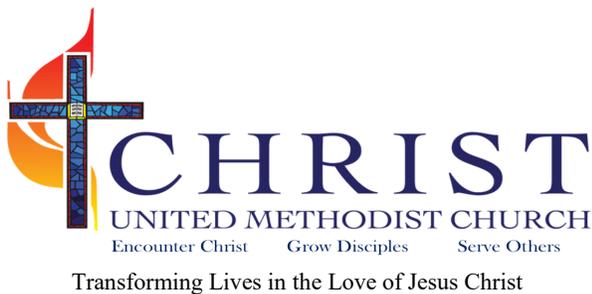
Please join us for our Weekly Worship Services

- 8:30 AM: In-person service, communion weekly
- 9:45 AM: Free Sunday School for all ages
- 10:40 AM: In-person & livestreamed contemporary Praise & Worship
- 11:00 AM: In-person & livestreamed service, communion 1st Sunday

Watch the livestream on our website or our YouTube channel.
<https://www.cumclansdale.org/get-involved/worship>
 YouTube: @ChristUMCLansdale



Members, Regular Attendees, and Visitors: please scan the QR code or fill out the attendance slip to record your attendance.



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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 1. *A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -*
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O
 * 4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

*5. Child, for us sinners
 poor and in the manger,
 we would embrace thee
 with love and awe.
 Who would not love thee,
 loving us so dearly?
Refrain

** 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be
 all glory given.
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing:
Refrain

*May be omitted.

**For Christmas Eve/Day

WORDS: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others
 MUSIC: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. from *Collections of Motetts or Antiphons*, 1792

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irr.

211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en - sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Em -
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 all peo - ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry VENI EMMANUEL
 Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986 LM with Refrain
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Sts. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab © 1940, 1943, renewed 1981 The Church Pension Fund; trans. sts. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd © 1989 The United
 Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

ST. LOUIS
 86.86.76.86

Alt. tune: FOREST GREEN

240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na-tions rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep-herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear; sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo! the days are has-tening on, by proph-et seen of old,



from an - gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow,
when with the ev - er - cir-ling years shall come the time fore - told



"Peace on the earth, good will to men,* from heaven's all-gracious King."
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hover-ing wing,
look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift-ly on the wing.
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay, to hear the an-gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
O rest be-side the wea-ry road, and hear the an-gels sing!
and the whole world send back the song which now the an-gels sing.



*"all" may be substituted

Away in a Manger

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1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

WORDS: Anon. (Lk. 2:7)
 MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

AWAY IN A MANGER
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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er
 air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 where. True man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from
The Hymnal, 1940 (Is. 35:1-2)

ES IST EIN ROS
 76.76.676

MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1609

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PROMISED COMING, *see further:*

720 *Wake Awake for Night Is Elvino*

What Child Is This

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1865 (Lk. 2:6-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSIC: 16th cent. English melody

GREENSLEEVES
 87.87 with Refrain

Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light;
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won - drous star, lend thy light;



round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold - er Kna - be mit lock - i - gem Haar,
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!



WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young;
 st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

STILLE NACHT
 Irr.

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

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