

Christmas Eve Services

Noon

Candlelight Communion Service-Alpine Center

This service is for those who don't like driving at night or who have plans for later in the day on Christmas Eve. Traditional carols will be sung and there will be special music by the Our Master's Chancel Choir.

Nursery for preschool age and under.

4:00 p.m.

Family Service—Alpine Center

This child-friendly family service will speak to all ages as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through word and song in a children's Christmas pageant. All children are invited to participate as either sheep, angels or shepherds. Special music will be presented by the Joyful Noise and Praise Kids Children's Choirs. Rehearsal for the Christmas pageant is Wednesday, Dec. 19, 5:00-6:00 pm.

Nursery for preschool age and under.

7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service-Alpine Center

All are welcome to join us in the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. Traditional carols will be sung and there will be special music.

Nursery for preschool age and under.

10:30 p.m.

Alpine Center

Special Music and

Candlelight Communion Service

All are welcome to join us in the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. The Alpine Sanctuary Choir and others will share their musical gifts as we celebrate the birth of Christ.



The church buildings and office will be closed December 24—January 1

The office will **reopen on Wednesday, January 2**, at 8:30 a.m. In an emergency, call the church number, 815-399-5910. You will be directed to an emergency contact. A staff member will be checking messages during the week. A pastor will be available in an emergency.

Special Note:

The church office will be OPEN on Monday, Dec 31, from 9:00 a.m.—noon, to accept contributions to the church to be credited to 2018.



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Christmas Events at Christ United Methodist Church

Advent Craft Night

Wednesday, December 5, 5:30-7:30 pm
Dinner at 5:30 in Alpine Fellowship Hall

Begin your preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at our annual Advent Craft Night. Lots of free crafts, a coloring station and fun! Bring your family, invite your friends, stop in for a short time or spend time creating small treasures. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, with the Advent crafts immediately following in Great Hall. Please RSVP for the dinner to Joy Hayag at 815-399-5910 or jhayag@christumc.cc.

Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 8
10:00 am—1:00 pm

Alpine Center Dining Room

Numbers will be given out starting at 9:30

All proceeds go to missions. Stop in on Dec. 8, listen to Christmas music, have a glass of punch, and buy a box of homemade Christmas cookies. Cost is \$15 per box.



Our Master's Lessons and Carols:

"Christmas: Then and Now"

Sunday, December 9, at the 9:30 service
in the Our Master's Sanctuary

Just as God was intervening and directing events at the time of Christ's birth, God is doing the same in our lives today. We need to be alert to God's leading and have the faith to follow, just like the people of Luke, chapter two. The Chancel Choir and other worship leaders will guide us through this spiritual journey of worship.

Christmas Angel Project **Gift Wrapping**

Monday, December 10, 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 11, 9:00 am
Alpine Fellowship Hall

Our Christmas Angel Project will have collected gifts from our congregation for those seniors and children in our community who otherwise wouldn't receive any Christmas gifts. Come and help us wrap. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow church members, share the holiday spirit, and make a positive impact on our community!

Alpine Christmas Cantata

"How Great Our Joy" Sunday, December 16
at the 9:30 and 11:00 services, Alpine Sanctuary

Christmas is rich in music. Songs and carols from ancient times to today add so much joy to our holiday celebrations. Just as we add new and favorite ornaments to our trees, poets and composers give us their thoughts and feelings of what Christmas means to us all, through their words and music. We invite you to celebrate with Alpine Center musicians of all ages, as we share our musical tapestry, some old familiar favorites and some new, but all the music celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bring a friend and share the musical joy of the Christmas season.

Blue Christmas

Monday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m.
Alpine Center Sanctuary

This service will be for anyone who is depressed, lonely or grieving any kind of loss in life: divorce, loss of job, or any other type of loss, as well as the loss of a loved one. Rev. Daniel Lee will give the message. Plan to be here for this comforting service of remembrance and hope.

Senior Fellowship Christmas Party

Friday, December 21, at noon
Alpine Center Dining Room

Come and join this group for seniors for a wonderful homemade lunch and fellowship with your friends. After lunch, we'll have a Christmas party, with music by Risë' Barker. There will be a chance to sing some Christmas carols, too. You won't want to miss this joyous event. Please call the church office at 815-399-5910 to make your reservation **by December 17.**



Christmas Eve Services **at Alpine Center only:**

Noon, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship on **December 23 and 30**

Normal service times:

Alpine Center: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00
Our Master's Center: 9:30