Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church – A *Reconciling Congregation*!
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Our mission is to create and promote a faith that is thoughtful, compassionate, and inclusive. We welcome all people into the life of the church. We follow the path and teachings of Jesus as a way to experience the sacredness of life.

Thank you for filling out the enclosed Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate during offering time.

December 14, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

(*Those who are able, please stand.)
(Bold face type – parts we all speak or sing.)

GATHERING & CENTERING TIME

OPENING MUSIC "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" arr. Douglas Wagner

WELCOME Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, we gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.

We rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

We worship with joy now, confident that God will not stop until all creation is at peace.

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We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise, as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done and will do among us.

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Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 35:1-10

***SONG "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH #224**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, GIFTS & TITHES

PRAYER SONG "Come Away with Me" TFWS #2202, v.1

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OPTIONS: QR Code to Give: Use the QR code. Text to Give: Text dollar amount to 801-317-8833 and follow the prompts.

MUSIC arr. Anna Laura Page
"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella"

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God of deep joy, even when storms rage and doubts rise, you call us to see with kingdom eyes—to look for healing, hope, and signs of your grace breaking in. In this Advent season of expectation and weariness, we bring these gifts as expressions of joy, rooted not in ease but in trust. May our giving bear witness to your good news: that the blind still see, the lame still walk, and the poor still receive care. Use these offerings and us as signs of your coming reign, lights in the storm, and carriers of joy. In the name of Jesus, our hope and our Redeemer. Amen.

RECEIVING TIME

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT by Kendra Smiley
"A Good News Flash"
Alicia Griffing and Alicia Simons, Directors

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46b-55

SERMON Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson
"Embodying Joy"

SENDING TIME

***SENDING SONG "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218**

WAYS TO ENGAGE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson

CLOSING MUSIC "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Michael Helman

Christ UMC - TODAY's Events: December 14

7:40 am – 7:50 am – Snow & Spirit, West Drive
8:00 am – Chapel Worship Service, Chapel/Room 100
9:00 am – Advent Book Study, Chapel/Room 100
9:30 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, Front Hallway
10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary & Children's Christmas Pageant
11:00 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, Gym
11:30 am – Youth Group
2:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
4:00 pm – Joyful Light Combined Choir Concert, Sanctuary
4:30 pm – Asbury Bell Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room
7:00 pm – Advent Book Study, Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89415441660

Christ UMC Events: December 15 – December 21

Monday: 7:00 pm Trustees Committee, Chapel/Room 100
7:00 pm Sloe Jam (Bluegrass), Youth Room/Room 200 (upstairs)

Tuesday: 6:30 pm Young Adult Christmas Party, ya@christumcutah.org
7:00 pm Finance Committee, Parlor
7:30 pm Wesley Bell Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room

Wednesday: 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Study Group, Parlor
7:00 pm Quiet Christmas, Sanctuary

Thursday: 8:00 am Breakfast Group, Anna's Restaurant (4770 S 900 E)
7:30 pm apPRAISEation Rehearsal, Music Room

Saturday: **Connection Newsletter Deadline**
communications@christumcutah.org

Sunday: **4th Sunday of Advent**
7:40 am – 7:50 am Snow & Spirit, West Drive
8:00 am Chapel Service, Chapel/Room 100
9:00 am Advent Book Study, Chapel/Room 100
9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary & Children's Church
11:00 am Fellowship/Coffee, Gym
12:00 pm Asbury Bell Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room
4:00 pm Wesley Bell Ringers Concert, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Advent Book Study, Zoom
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Reconciling Ministries Network

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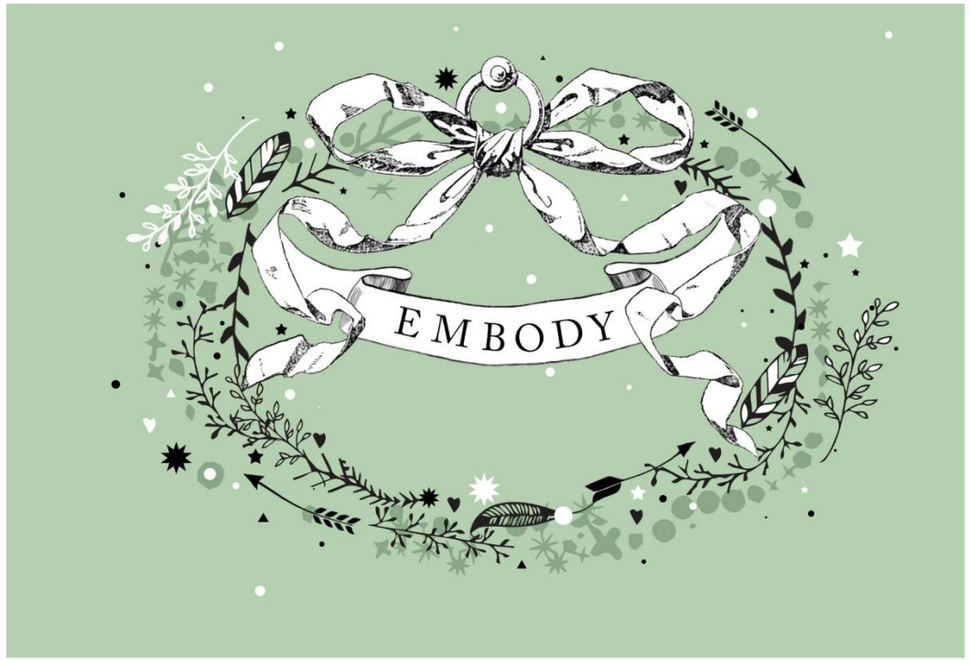

Joy

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

Pastors, Rev. Dale Fredrickson & Rev. Bruce Kolasch

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