

Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church - A Reconciling Congregation!

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We are a community of faith, who welcomes ALL people. We believe that the love of Jesus was, and is, radically inclusive. We desire for you to find this sanctuary and church to be a safe place, full of love and grace.

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

December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

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

GATHERING & CENTERING TIME

OPENING MUSIC “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” J. Krug
apPRAISEation, Dir. Terry Waite

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

*SONG “Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH #242

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We come to worship the Lord of Love,

We come bringing praise and thanksgiving.

It is the unconditional love, born into the word, through a child,

In order that the world might be saved through him.

To love the world, wholly and completely,

That the world might know this love through each of us.

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

SONG “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH #238, vv 1-2

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG “Where Children Belong” TFWS #2233

MYSTERY BOX

(Children & adults are welcome to come forward. Children are always welcome to remain for all of worship. And, childcare for children 2 years and younger is available in the Nursery.)

PRAYER TIME

SONG “Come, O Redeemer, Come” W&S #3046

ADVENT PRAYER

God of Love, may we see your light flickering in the darkness of our world; may we recognize the ways you are calling us to love in the midst of hatred and hardened hearts. As we continue our Advent season, forgive us when we lack compassion for others, or forget to show your love and grace to people around us – in stores, in church and in our homes. Allow us to be people of love this Advent. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER & 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.

OFFERING TIME

OFFERING OPTIONS

QR Code to Give: Use the QR code. Text to Give: Text a dollar amount to 801-317-8833 and follow the prompts. Thank you!



MUSIC “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” S. Ethiu
apPRAISEation, Dir. Terry Waite

*RESPONSE SONG “Advent Doxology” On Screen

RECEIVING TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-8, John 1:1-12

MUSIC MINISTRY “What Are These Strangers” D. Forrest
Chancel Choir, Dir. Logan Bingham

SERMON “Flashlights and Dark Holes” Rev. Lisa Petty

SENDING TIME

WAYS TO ENGAGE THIS WEEK

*SENDING SONG “God Almighty, We Are Waiting” W&S #3047, vv 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING MUSIC “Noël” L. Daquin

Christ UMC - TODAY's Events

- 8:00 am – Chapel Worship Service**, Chapel
9:00 am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9:00 am – Adult Sunday School, Chapel
9:30 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, Gym
10:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary
 Children's Sunday School, (children will start in worship)
11:00 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway & Gym
11:30 am – Chimes & Asbury Rehearsal, Music Room
4:00 pm – Wesley Bell Ringers Home Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
7:30 pm – Wesley Bell Ringers Home Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Christ UMC Events This Week: Dec 19 – Dec 25

- Monday:** 1:00 pm United Women in Faith Book Club, Parlor
 7:00 pm Sloe Jam, Music Room *Newcomers welcome
Tuesday: 7:30 pm Wesley Bell Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room
Thursday: 7:30 pm apPRAISEation Rehearsal, Music Room
Friday: 7:30 pm Young Adult Group, sitting together for the reunion concert
 7:30 pm Wesley Bell Ringers Reunion Christmas Concert, Sanctuary



- Sunday: Christmas Day!**
 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary followed by Cinnamon Rolls in the gym