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 21, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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

GATHERING & CENTERING TIME

OPENING MUSIC "Love Came Down at Christmas" arr. David Christensen

WELCOME Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, God calls to us—like Joseph—through angels and messengers, inviting us to listen for the Spirit's guidance in the midst of half-truths and distractions.

We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Sometimes, angels surprise us (as they did Mary) with good news too fantastical to believe and yet too real—realer than real—to ignore.

We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

For generations, God has sent signs of God's coming kingdom in unexpected places—the birth of a child, the wisdom of the lowly, the faithfulness of a carpenter.

We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Come! Let us worship God who calls out to us, inviting us to faithfulness as we watch, wait, and work for the day when the whole world knows the abundant love and grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Come! Let us worship as we listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-16

***SONG "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH #242**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG "Where Children Belong" TFWS #2233

(Children & adults are welcome to come forward. Childcare for children 2 years and under is available in the Nursery. Children will go to Sunday School after Children's Time.)

MUSIC "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" arr. John A. Bernie
The Wesley Bell Ringers, directed by CP Eubanks

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 "God With Us For All Time" arr. Betty Garee
apPRAISEation, directed by Terry Waite

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God of unfolding plans, when our certainty falters and our expectations collapse, you are still at work, inviting us into grace that redefines and redeems. Like Joseph, we bring our gifts and lay down our plans, trusting that your Spirit can shape our offering into something greater than we imagined. Let these gifts and our lives be signs of obedience, humility, and hope. May they help carry Christ into a world still longing for peace, hungry for love, and needing redemption. We pray in the name of the one who is Emmanuel—God with us. Amen.

RECEIVING TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:1-7

SERMON Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson
"Embodying Love"

SENDING TIME

***SENDING SONG "Once in Royal David's City" UMH #250**

WAYS TO ENGAGE

BENEDICTION Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson

CLOSING MUSIC "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Anna Laura Page

Christ UMC - TODAY's Events: December 21

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 Church
(children will start in worship)
11:00 am – Fellowship/Coffee Time, 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 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89415441660
7:30 pm – Wesley Bell Ringers Concert, Sanctuary

Christ UMC Events: December 22 – December 29

Monday: 1:00 pm United Women in Faith Book Club, Parlor
7:00 pm Sloe Jam (Bluegrass), Youth Room/Room 200 (upstairs)

Tuesday: ***Christ UMC Office Open until Noon***
7:30 pm Wesley Bell Ringers Reunion Concert, Sanctuary

Wednesday: Christmas Eve – *Christ UMC Office is Closed*

Thursday – Friday: ***Christ UMC Office is Closed***

Sunday: 1st Sunday after Christmas – ONE Worship Service
****NO** 8:00 am Chapel Service this week****
9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
10:00 am ONE Worship Service, Gym
11:00 am Fellowship/Coffee, Gym

Monday, December 29th: Office Open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
End of Year Giving is due in the office by 1:00 pm
4:00 pm Celebration of Life – Mike Bockelie, Sanctuary

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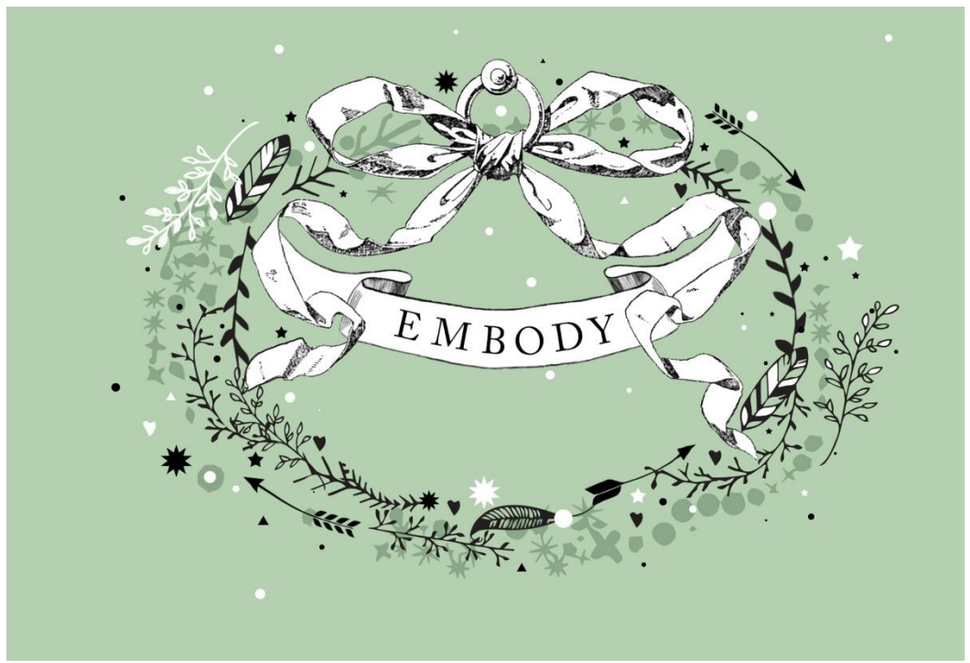

Love

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

Pastors, Rev. Dale Fredrickson & Rev. Bruce Kolasch

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