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.

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

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

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

CHRISTMAS GREETING Rev. Bruce Kolasch

CALL TO WORSHIP / CANDLE LIGHTING

Tonight, we gather to remember the ancient story of the child who taught us about a love supreme.

We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

***SONG "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH #234, vv. 1,3,4,6**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6-7

MUSIC "O Holy Night" by Charles Adam
Marysia McGill, soloist

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-38

MUSIC arr. John C. Dare
"O Come All Ye Faithful/Away in a Manger"
Asbury Bell Ringers, directed by Desi Jensen & Alicia Griffing

THIRD LESSON Matthew 1:18-23

SONG "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-20

OFFERING

OPTIONS: QR Code: Use the QR code. Text to Give: Text a dollar amount to 801-317-8833 and follow the prompts. Offering Plate: Place your giving in the basket as it passes you. Thank you!

OFFERTORY arr. T. Chemain Evans
"Away in a Manger/The First Noel"
Elinore Fisher

FIFTH LESSON Psalm 92:1-4

MUSIC arr. John C. Dare
"The Friendly Beasts/It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
Asbury Bell Ringers, directed by Desi Jensen & Alicia Griffing

SIXTH LESSON John 1:1-5

MESSAGE "On This Night I Wonder" Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson

***SONG "Silent Night" UMC #239, vv. 1,3,4**

The pastor will light the ushers' candles from the Christ candle. The ushers will then proceed down the aisles lighting the candle of the first person in each row, who will then light the candle of the person next to him/her, passing the light until each person has a lighted candle. Please tip your unlighted candle to the lighted one next to you. After the candles are lighted, the congregation will sing "Silent Night."
Please hold candles upright and help small children hold their candles!

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, All is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

Silent night, Holy night, Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

***SENDING OUT**

Merry Christmas! *Thank you for worshiping with us this Christmas Eve. Join us Sunday, December 28th for one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Gym.*

Upcoming Christ UMC Events: Dec 25-Jan 4

Thursday, December 25th – Friday, December 26th:
Christ UMC Office is Closed

Sunday, December 28th: Cinnamon Roll Sunday, ONE Worship Service
NO 8:00 am Chapel Worship this week
9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
10:00 am ONE Worship Service, Gym
11:00 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, 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

Tuesday, December 30th – Friday, January 2nd:
Christ UMC Office is Closed

Sunday, January 4hh: Epiphany Sunday
8:00 am Chapel Service, Chapel/Room 100
8:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9:00 am Advent Book Study, Chapel/Room 100
9:30 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Hallway
10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary, children stay in Worship
(Children's Sunday School resumes January 11th)
11:00 am Fellowship/Coffee Time, Gym
11:30 am Mission & Outreach, Room 201 (upstairs)
5:00 pm Wesley Bell Ringers Rehearsal, Music Room
7:00 pm Advent Book Study, Zoom
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89415441660

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastors	Rev. Dale Carl Fredrickson & Rev. Bruce Kolasch
Children's Ministry	Alicia Griffing & Alicia Simons
Organist	Dr. Shelby Fisher
Media	Kelly Carpenter & Paige Manning-Duncan
Ushers	John Adamson, Lynne Barrett, Scott Barrett, & Scott Carpenter

Thank you to all of our scripture readers this evening.

Reconciling Ministries Network

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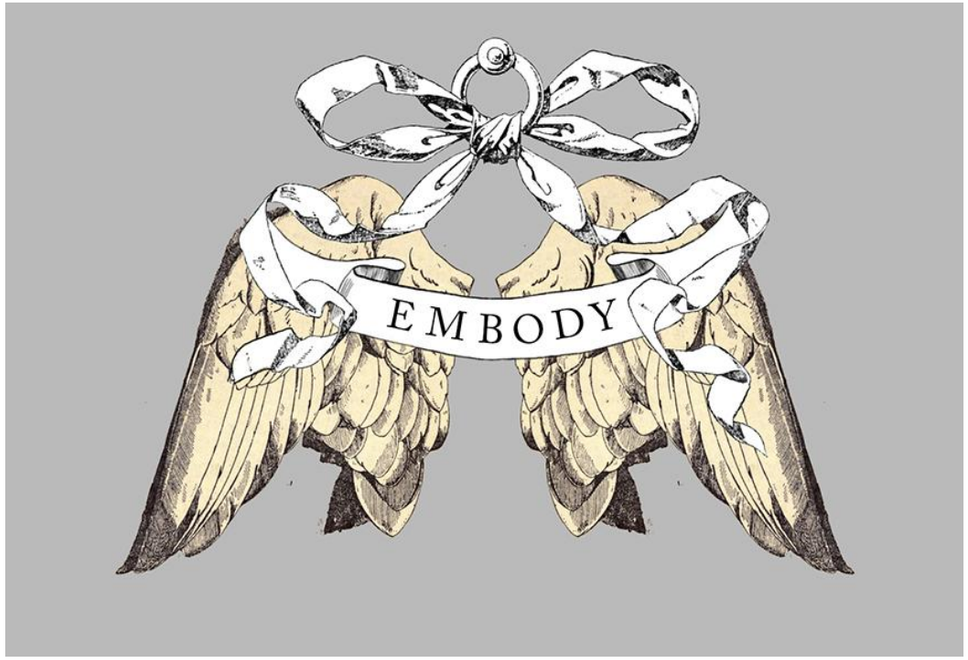

Life

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 – 5:00 p.m. Worship

Pastors, Rev. Dale Fredrickson & Rev. Bruce Kolasch

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