

# Christ Church United Methodist

December 24, 2019

5:00, 8:00 and 10:45 pm

## Christmas Eve

### Order of Worship

*Please silence your cell phone and other electronic devices*

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE 5:00 Rev. Jacob Cogman  
8:00 Rev. Becki Curry  
10:45 Rev. Patty Groot

PRELUDE 5:00 and 8:00  
*Sussex Carol* Traditional English carol  
Louisa Ellis Woodson, harp arr. Dale Wood

10:45  
*Ukrainian Bell Carol* Mykolo Leonovich  
*Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi  
*Still, Still, Still* Norman Luboff  
*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* Philip Kern  
One Voice and High School Handbells  
Kathy Kicklighter, piano

\*HYMN OF ADORATION *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymn 234  
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

CALL TO PRAYER *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymn 230  
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT 5:00 Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley

OFFERING Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Lifehouse Maternity Home.

OFFERING OF MUSIC 5:00 and 8:00  
*The First Nowell* Mack Wilberg  
Chancel Choir

10:45  
*The Yearning* Craig Courtney  
One Voice

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE *Luke 2:1-20* Page 54 (NT) in the pew Bible  
5:00 Randy Bloch  
8:00 Jennie Weeks  
10:45 Mark Ray

SERMON 5:00 Rev. Rebecca Curry  
8:00 Rev. Jacob Cogman  
10:45 Rev. Brandon Dirks

RESPONSE TO THE WORD *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam  
5:00 Jody Gravatte, soloist  
8:00 Michael Bolden, soloist  
10:45 Jeannie Lovett Barrick, soloist

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Communion will be served by intinction.  
Receive the bread and dip it into the cup. We do not drink from the common cup.  
If you need gluten free elements, please tell your server. If you are unable to come forward, indicate that to the servers as they come down the aisles.

Congregation, please join in singing.  
*It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Hymn 218  
*Angels from the Realms of Glory* Hymn 220

SPREADING OF THE LIGHT  
As the light is passed down the pew, please dip only the unlit candles.

HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night* Hymn 239  
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, shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *Joy to the World* Hymn 246  
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

\*POSTLUDE 5:00 and 8:00  
Recessional on *I Saw Three Ships* Traditional English carol  
arr. Douglas Wagner

10:45 *Joy to the World* Lowell Mason

\*indicates standing as you are able.

**Large-print hymnals, bulletins, hearing devices and loops are available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.**

### Announcements

**About our Christmas Eve Offering** Lifehouse Maternity Home is a safe home where women and teens in crisis can find hope and healing. Lifehouse addresses the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of pregnant and parenting women by transforming their lives through the healing touch of Christ. Their goal is to help end the cycle of abuse, neglect, generational poverty and social services dependency of pregnant and parenting women.

**Altar Flowers** The flowers in the chancel area have been given by **Bill and Debbie Cook** in loving memory of their daughter Susan.

**Holiday Schedule** The building and offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 25, 26 and 27 for the Christmas holiday. The building and offices will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.



**Prepare**

**Christ Church Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)** has regular luncheon programs, outings and other events that are open to all ages. If you are not receiving our regular communications both paper and electronic, we'd love to add you! Email [lisa@ccum.net](mailto:lisa@ccum.net) to connect.

**Confirmation 2020** Confirmation is an important milestone in the spiritual life of our 8th graders. It is time of exploration, study and learning which leads to your child deciding for him or herself if they feel ready and called to publicly take the vows that were made on their behalf at their baptism and become a member of the United Methodist Church. If your child would like be part of the 2020 Confirmation Journey, please register at [www.ccum.net/youth](http://www.ccum.net/youth).



**Serve**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled** Tuesday, January 21 from 2 to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can also be made for your convenience. Contact Kim Brice at (502) 727-2581 for appointments and for more information.

*Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.*

## Welcome Guests!

We are honored to worship with you today. No matter where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We are pursuing a mission of *becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time*. We walk together on this journey of discovering a different kind of life – the life we were created for – life in God's love.

All are invited to participate in Communion here. We welcome children of all ages into the service and to participate fully.

### Connect With Us

- Fill out the Connect Card and drop it in the offering plate during the service.
- Take home the Guest Information Card in the pew.
- Stop by the Guest Information Area in the Gathering Hall.

## Worship

### Join Us for Sunday Morning Worship

- 8:30 am Communion: Prayer Room
- 9 am: Sanctuary
- 10:05 am: Chapel (communion weekly)
- 11:15 am: Sanctuary

## Prepare

### Men's Meet & Meat Lunch

Sunday, January 12 from 12:15 to 2 pm in Fellowship Hall with Special Guest, Rev. George Burke, Pastor of Coke Memorial UMC - "Power, Money, Sex: Becoming a Kingdom Man." Rev. Burke masterfully teaches that a Kingdom Man is one who stands out in a crowd, not for his physical presence, but for his 'aliveness' in Christ. This event is for any man who is tired of trying to live up to what the WORLD says a real man is. Let's take a look at what God says. This is a GREAT event to bring a co-worker, a neighbor, a son, a father, a grandfather. There is a suggested donation of \$12 and pre-registration is needed to ensure plenty of MEAT! Register at [www.ccum.net/calendar](http://www.ccum.net/calendar).

### Liz Curtis Higgs Women's Bible Study - Jesus Girls

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2020 - 10 to 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Come meet a dozen New Testament women whose lives demonstrate what it means to be a 'Jesus Girl' then and now. We'll learn from them, laugh with them, and be encouraged by their timeless stories of serving the Lord with gladness. The study is free. All women in the community are welcome to come. Childcare will not be available for this event so please plan accordingly. Register at [www.ccum.net/calendar](http://www.ccum.net/calendar).

### Connect to Christ Church

If you want to learn more about Christ Church, you are invited to Connect with Christ Church. This is a two-week series which takes place as part of our Recharge Wednesdays. The first session for 2020 will be held on January 8 and January 15, from 6 to 7:30 pm in room 158. You will learn about how to get connected to the mission and ministries of the church. Visit <https://ccum.net/connect> to register or contact Mark Coile at [mark@ccum.net](mailto:mark@ccum.net) or 502-893-2201 x277.

## OUR MISSION

*Becoming living proof of God's love, one person at a time.*

## OUR VISION

*Healing Divides as we:*

### ENGAGE IN SMALL GROUPS

Becoming who God is calling you to be by experiencing the power and presence of Christ in a spiritually authentic small group.

### PLANT NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

Supporting fresh ways to bring the light of God to new communities of people.

### BLESS CHILDREN

Meeting the basic needs of food, shelter, education, hope and love for Louisville's children and adolescents.

## OUR STRATEGY



## THE FOUR QUESTIONS

**WHERE** have you seen God's love at work this week?

**HOW** are you growing in God's love this week?

**WHO** has God placed in your path that needs to experience God's love this week?

**HOW** have you demonstrated God's love this week?

