

1st Sunday in Advent

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Rebecca Curry	
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	Rev. Jacob Cogman	
PRELUDE	Comfort Ye, My People Michael Bolden, soloist	G. F. Handel
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Hail to the Lord’s Anointed	Hymn 203
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<p>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;</p> <p>And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</p> <p>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</p>	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	Gloria Patri	Hymn 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	The Pathway to Light	Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley
CALL TO PRAYER	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Hymn 196
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.		
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. John Hatton	

THE 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		
Children Kindergarten through Second Grade may follow the banner out the side door of the Sanctuary for Children’s Chapel in Room 132.		
OFFERING	(Please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down the pew.)	
9:00	Do You Hear What I Hear	Harry Simone
Laudaté Reese Walton and Susan Blosser, percussion		
11:15	The First Nowell	arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir		
*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	Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 24:36-44	Page 594 (OT) in the pew Bible Page 26 (NT) in the pew Bible 9:00 Allan Bagley 11:15 Debbie Holladay
SERMON	Watching for the Light	Bishop Leonard Fairley
*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		
*CLOSING HYMN	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Hymn 211 Stanzas 1, 6 and 7
*SENDING FORTH		
*POSTLUDE	In Dulci Jubilo	Traditional
*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

We welcome Bishop Leonard Fairley to our pulpit this morning. Bishop Fairly was assigned to the Louisville area effective September 1, 2016. He had served the North Carolina Conference since 1984 and his last appointment in North Carolina was serving as the District Superintendent of the Capital District. Bishop Fairley graduated from Pfeiffer College and Duke University’s School of Divinity. He is married to Dawn Sparks Fairley. Together they have four children and seven grandchildren.

We welcome Heartland District Superintendent Rev. Dr. John Hatton who helps lead worship this morning. Dr. Hatton began to serve the Heartland District this year. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University after which he was an Occupational Therapist for 9 years in Bowling Green. He then earned his Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry at Asbury Seminary. He and his wife Julie have a son Emory who is a Freshman at Eastern High School and a daughter, Elise who was born November 2.

The Louisville Mandolin Orchestra will provide worship music for us during the 10:05 worship service next Sunday, December 8.

Christ Church’s 2019 Congregational Daily Prayer

God of all, you have joined us to be one body at Christ Church and have given us a mission to fulfill. Bring us together in community around your mission, to partner with your Holy Spirit, and to share your love, one person at a time. Keep us working toward your vision for this community. Help us to heal divides as your Spirit focuses our minds on what binds us. Through our gifts, make each of us to be a blessing in your church, community and world. In the grace and mercy of our Lord we pray. Amen.

This Morning

The flowers in the chancel area are given in loving memory of Julia Yackey by Steve and Debbie, Bill, Katie, Will and Anna, Joe and Mandy, and Danny Yackey.

Our Church Family (as of Tuesday, November 26)

Christian sympathy is extended to **Jenny Garst** on the death of her father, John Craft, who died November 23; **Dan and Claire Arnold** on the death of Claire’s father, Robert Groemling, who died November 25; **Susan Grissom** on the death of her brother, Steve Green, who died November 25.

Presence and Gifts (as of Sunday, November 24)

Brownsboro Road Worship	867	Sunday Prepare Groups	541
Plant Faith Communities	163	November Small Groups	497
Livestream Worship	<u>93</u>	-	
	1,123		

Contributions Received Week Ending November 24, 2019:	\$ 107,172
Budgeted Contributions through November 30, 2019:	\$ 3,172,387
Actual Contributions Received through November 30, 2019:	\$ 2,977,463



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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; later in the service children are dismissed for their own time of worship and community.*

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.

*Children’s Activities are provided during all services 8 am to 12:15 pm in the Education Wing. See the Guest Services Desks for more information.

Worship

8:30 am Communion: Prayer Room
9 am: Sanctuary
10:05 am: Chapel
11:15 am: Sanctuary

Prepare

Connect with 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 6:00 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 or 502-893-2201 x277.

Confirmation Journey 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. Parents are invited to attend a parents meeting to learn more about this important journey on Sunday, January 5, 5 to 6 pm in room 004.

Serve

1,000 Prayers for Children We believe that God transforms situations and people through prayer, so during Advent, we are collecting 1,000 anonymous prayers to bless children suffering from abuse and neglect. Opportunities will be available in worship, in our Sunday School classes, and you are always welcome to write a prayer at home and bring it back to church. We will collect these prayers in special baskets in the pews on Sunday mornings and in gold boxes stationed around the building. If you would like to speak with a counselor or pastor about child abuse, please contact: Pastoral Counselor Jane Myers 893-2201 x230, Rev. Melissa Head melissa@ccum.net, or Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley leanne@ccum.net.

Christmas and Advent Events

Advent Sermon Series *The Light Is Near*

Advent Study Opportunities led by Jennie Weeks and Rev. Brandon Dirks. In this *Light of the World* study, we will explore why the Gospel Nativity stories are unique in Luke and Matthew, and what they would have meant to those who first heard them. We will look at these stories in context - in light of Jewish tradition and history and the Hebrew Scriptures, as well as the political realities in the first century. You will discover a number of new connections and insights that will help you prepare for the coming of the Light of the World. The 4-week study will be offered Sunday mornings, Monday mornings and Monday evenings.

Christmas Concerts The annual Christmas Concert tradition continues with *O Radiant Dawn*. Join us as we celebrate the light of God brought into the world through His Son Jesus Christ. Concert dates and times are:

- Sunday, December 8 at 5 pm
- Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm
- Sunday, December 15 at 9 and 11:15 am
- Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm

Come surround yourself with familiar carols and songs of the season offered by our Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, Jubilate Ringers, and orchestra. It is a worship experience not to be missed. Shuttle from the Summit Office Park at Brownsboro Rd and N Hubbards Lane begins one hour before each concert.

December SAM Luncheon and Central High School Choir Concert Monday, December 9 “We Need a Little Christmas” concert and luncheon with the choral music of Central High School, under the direction of Ben Williams. Call 893-2201 ex 328 by Thursday, December 5 at noon, or register online: www.ccum.net/sam. Email lisa@ccum.net with questions.

Blue Christmas Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm in our Chapel. The Blue Christmas service is a time of worship for those who may have experienced suffering or loss and for whom Christmas may not be a cheerful experience. Come and join us as we share in communion and pray together for God’s eternal love to sustain us, strengthen us and give us hope. Contact Rev. Melissa Head for questions at melissa@ccum.net or 893-2201 ext. 263.

Blue Christmas for Youth and Children Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm in the Youth Center. Youth and Children who’ve lost a loved one this year are invited to remember them before the Christmas holiday. We will spend our time reflecting and remembering those we’ve lost by making special Christmas ornaments.

Holiday Hope Caroling Wednesday, December 18. Christmas carolers will meet at the Student Center entrance at 6 pm.

Boy Scout Troop 317 Christmas Tree Stand is open and ready for you to come pick out your Christmas tree and wreaths. These are of the highest quality at bargain prices, all to support a great cause. You can find your perfect tree in the church’s back parking lot. Come early for best selection! Open weekday evenings and weekends until sold out.

Christmas Eve Worship Christmas Eve worship services will be held in the Sanctuary at 3 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm and 10:45 pm. Communion will be served at 5 pm, 8 pm and 10:45 pm worship services. The 3 pm worship service is designed for families with young children although everyone is welcome. Childcare is available at the 3 pm, 5 pm and 8 pm worship services.

