

Christ Church United Methodist

November 28, 2021

(in-person) 9 am
(live-streamed & in-person) 11:15 am

First Sunday in Advent Order of Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Bryant

PRELUDE

Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
"Now Comes the Savior of the Gentiles"
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(9:00) Steve and Robin Powell
(11:15) Sara and Whitney Farmer

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Hymn 718

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

The dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thy eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
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.
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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Hymn 715

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

CALL TO PRAYER

Wait for the Lord

Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

◇ 9:00

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Laudate, Middle School Choir

Harry Simeone

◇ 11:15

How Great Our Joy
Chancel Choir Tenors and Basses

Craig Courtney

*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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children K - 2nd Grade are now invited to leave the worship service for a Bible story. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary during the closing hymn.

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

(9:00) Rev. Mike Porter
(11:15) Gabe Porter

SERMON

Rev. Jacob Cogman

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

Hymn 374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
“Wake up, the Voice Calls Us”
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

J.S. Bach

◇Dr. Daniel Blosser, conductor; Daniel Light, piano

***Announcements are located on the following pages*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at the 9 am service, our middle school choir, Laudate, is singing in worship for the last time in 2021. They will resume after Christmas break. They faithfully sing in worship once a month, and rehearse every Sunday afternoon. We thank them for their dedication and service to the music ministry at Christ Church!

Children's Ministry - Advent JOY-Fest!

Tonight | Sunday, November 28 | 5 pm | Parking Lot

Your family is invited to a wonderful night of JOY as we begin our **Joy-filled Advent!** We'll gather in the parking lot for games, live animals, angels appearing, homemade cookies & hot chocolate - and maybe even a surprise visit from Santa! We'll hope you'll join us! No registration required.

December SAM Luncheon | Monday, December 13 | 11:30 am

Join us for our **last program and lunch of the year** as we welcome special guests, the **Kammerer Middle School Choir**. Lunch will immediately follow at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10 for lunch, program is free. Please register at ccum.net/sam.

Festival of Stars | Donations Collected through December 5

It's time for our annual Festival of Stars, your opportunity to **shop for a Christmas gift for someone in our community in need**. Either **select a star** from the trees in Fellowship Hall, or **select a "virtual" star** by visiting, ccum.net/festival-of-stars. Additionally, we have a goal of raising \$7,500 to cover the cost of gift cards that will be distributed. You may send a check made out to CCUM with "Stars" in the memo line or give online at ccum.net/give. Simply select the Festival of Stars fund. **Your generosity will bless residents of Wesley Manor, the KY UM Homes for Children and Youth and the Healing Place, our sponsored refugee families, as well as children served by Breckinridge Franklin Elementary and Lighthouse Ministries.** The deadline to return gifts is December 5 and we have 56 stars left!

SANCTUARY CONCERT SERIES 2021-2022 | *How Great Our Joy*

Sanctuary Series' 32 year Christmas tradition continues with five concerts featuring our 120-voice Chancel Choir, 30 handbell ringers, and a 27-piece orchestra. Come experience the joy of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Christ with us! Admission is free, but seating is limited.

Sunday, December 5 | 5 pm

Wednesday, December 8 | 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 12 | 9 & *11:15 am

Tuesday, December 14 | 7:30 pm

*The 11:15 Concert on December 12 will be available on livestream.

Joy-Full Advent for Moms | Wednesday, December 1 and 8 | 6 pm | Parlor

- Make Christmas memories
- Complete Christmas to-do lists
- Share God's love in our communities.

...but...how often do we find ourselves running on Empty?

Join other moms this Advent as we **fill up on JOY and share scripture and gratitude**. Two days only. Don't miss this! 'Tis the season, Momma! Register at ccum.net/women.

Save the Date: Carols of Care

Join us for **Caroling to help spread Christmas Cheer!** Meet us at Entrance 1 on Monday, December 20 at 6 pm to collect candles, jingle bells and maps. Clusters of cars will travel to neighborhoods. If you're interested in helping plan this event, please contact Lisa Watkins at lisa@ccum.net for more information!

Blue Christmas Worship Service | Sunday, December 19 | 5 pm | Sanctuary

Blue Christmas is a worship service designed as **a gift of love** to those who may have experienced suffering or loss over the course of the past year and for whom Christmas may not be a joyful experience. In trying and painful times, **we come to God and look to his light for comfort and peace.** Hope is here as we gather together and lean on the power of the coming Christ.

Advent Study - Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes

This season, experience Advent in a creative, engaging way, as Shelah Woodruff shares **four distinctive perspectives on the birth of Jesus** from each Gospel, drawing from Cynthia Campbell's study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*. Join Shelah in the Parlor on Sundays at 10 am, beginning November 28, or on Zoom, Tuesdays at 10 am, beginning November 30. Everyone is welcome! Register at ccum.net/classes.

Many thanks to all who have donated vases to the Petal Pushers Ministry team!

We now have a wonderful abundance of vases to use in delivering Sanctuary flowers to those in need. We no longer need vases, but we'll let you know if a need arises in the future.

Used Greeting Cards Needed!

Our **Card Ministry Team** recycles old greeting cards, using them to create new ones to send to those in need of sympathy, encouragement or just a note to know that they are loved. **Any used cards you can donate would be greatly appreciated!** Please drop them off in the bin in the Pickup Closet near the front desk.

Attention Men: Join Us for Coffee! | Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall | 7 am

We would like to invite you to come join other men on **Tuesday mornings anytime between 7 - 8 am.** Stop in grab a coffee and donut, connect/reconnect with old and new friends, and listen to a short devotional.

SOLO Class for Women | Sunday Mornings at 10:05 am in Room 150 B

If you attend church on your own—whether you are single, never married, widowed, divorced, or the man in your life doesn't attend church with you—consider SOLO your **safe place to land.** This season, Liz Curtis Higgs is walking us through the book of Ephesians, **"to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves."** Ephesians 1:6. Register at ccum.net/women.

Sunday Faith Formation

Children K - 3rd Grades are dropped off/picked up in rooms 005 A & B

Children 4th-5th Grades are dropped off in rooms 003 & 004 (self-dismissal)

Children ages 3 years through Pre-K may be dropped off and picked up in room 108 for the 9 am service, 10 am Sunday School and the 11:15 am **service.**

Men's Ministry: Just for Men | Wednesdays at 7:30 am via Zoom

Join Rev. Mike Porter, Director of Men's Ministries and Discipleship, as he shares scripture and discussion for men during these trying times. Drop-in to our weekly gathering. If interested, please email katie@ccum.net to be sent the Zoom link.

Discernment Team

Please visit www.ccum.net/discernment (or scan the QR code) to read the latest Discernment Team's update.

To contact all members of the Discernment Team, you may email discernmentteam@ccum.net.

