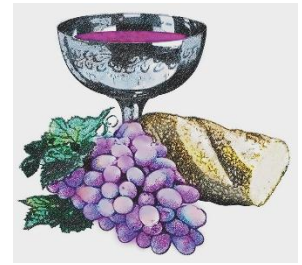


Peace



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LITURGICAL COLOR – BLUE
DECEMBER 6, 2015
10:00 AM



Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church - *We are United in Christ at Christ United!*

- *Guests and members, please see one of the persons with a registration iPad to register your attendance electronically.*
- Our Nursery is located across the courtyard in the Fellowship Hall. Children ages 3 and under are welcome to enjoy our nursery ministries. Children's Activity Bulletins are available from the ushers.
- PLEASE NOTE: Hymn numbers in the 2000's are found in The Faith We Sing Hymnal. All other page numbers refer to The United Methodist Hymnal.
- * = Those who are able, please stand.

~ ENTRANCE ~

*We gather around the BAPTISMAL FONT remembering we become members of the Church thru baptism.
As we arrive, let us touch the water in the font and remember with thanksgiving our baptism.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANGEL TREE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Dianna Gonzalez

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

ARR. GESCHKE

Carillonaire Handbell Choir

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #567

Heralds of Christ

NATIONAL HYMN

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*GREETING

I greet you in the name of Jesus, the Christ.
The grace and peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

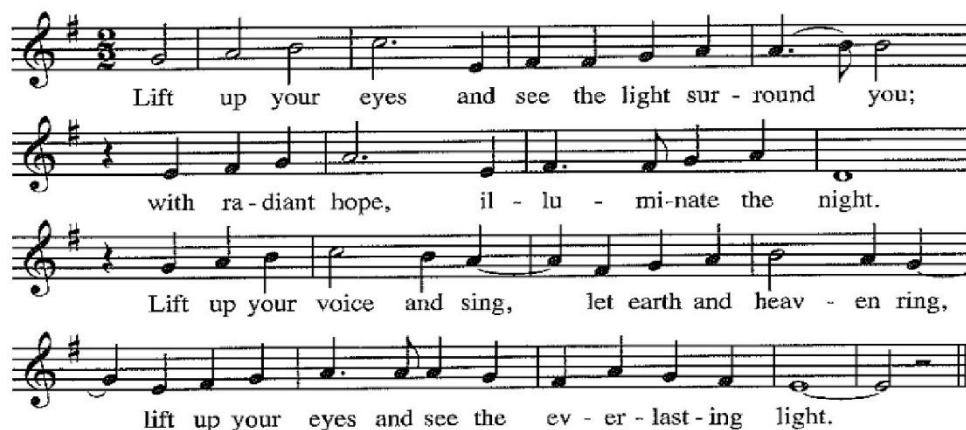
OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

The Wilcher Family

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Lift Up Your Eyes*

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LITANY

For any who have grown weary of waiting:

God speaks, "Peace, be still."

For any who are anxious about the worries of tomorrow:

God speaks, "Peace, be still."

For any whose lips have been silenced:

God speaks, "Peace, be still."

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

We assemble around the PULPIT to listen and respond to God's Word revealed in scripture and preaching.

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

PSALTER #208 (*Sung response*)

Canticle of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children ages 3 years old up to second grade are invited to come forward for the Children's Sermon. No Children's Church today.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880

The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition we respond as follows:

In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord God, you have promised you are coming to purify, to refine, and to restore. Yet we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth you created, and refuse your justice and peace. You sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way of our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins.

The prayer continues with silence.

We make this our prayer in the name of Jesus as we say together, **AMEN.**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you!

And also with you!

*OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Advent Noel

PAGE/SHAFFERMAN

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology for Advent

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here – below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

We assemble around the LORD'S TABLE praying the Spirit be poured out on us and on the gifts of bread and wine we offer.

*LAVABO

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to God. Now let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. How good it is to give thanks and praise!

The presider continues the prayer and concludes as follows:

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

**And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might a - dored,
heaven and earth are shin - ing bright with the glo - ry of your light.
Loud ho - san - nas now we sing! In the high - est may they ring!
Bles - sed is the Com - ing One, Christ, E - man - nu - el, your Son.
Glo - ry in the high - est! Ho - ly God, your name be blessed!

The presider continues the prayer and concludes as follows:

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
*"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Dy-ing Christ de-stroyed our death. Ris-ing Christ re-stores our life. Christ will
 come a-gain in glo-ry, rais-ing us all to life. — Oh, — God of
 po- wer, God of might, God of love, our heart's de-light: feed us,
 guide us, walk be-side us, bless us with our gen-tle light.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

God our Mo-ther, Christ our Bro-ther, Spir-it in these gifts you vow:
 by your giv-ing, in our liv-ing, we be-come your Bo-dy now. Bread is bro-ken,
 light re-veal-ing; Word is spo-ken for our heal-ing.
 make us all your Bo-dy now. A-men. — A-men.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
 *BREAKING THE BREAD
 GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

While others are served, let us sing together these hymns in worship of God:

#196	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	HYFRYDOL
#2089	Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice	W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY
Screen	A New Advent of Joy	DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER FOR THE UNWILLINGLY ABSENT

Go forth in the name of Christ and this congregation of Christ's people.
Depart in peace. Amen

~ SENDING FORTH ~

We go forth into the world to be Christ's representatives to all.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #202

*POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Lift Up Your Heads

BESANÇON

TRURO

*Those who are able, please stand.

Handbells played during the Advent candle lighting were donated by Bloomfield UMC, Macon.

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IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Add these to your prayer list: Stephen Lauer, John Lewis (Eorio's friend), Jack Warner (Eorio's friend).

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Donations to the church have been given In Memory of David Hodge by:

Mike & Kim Harnage, General Fund

In Honor of Franki Hodge by:

Retha Meier, General Fund

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Happy Birthday to:

10: Dwayne Marcum, George Roberts, Alan White

11: Terri Marcum

14: Kaetlinn Stencel, Thom Morse

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Kidz for Christ

Sundays, 4-6PM

Rehearsal in the Sanctuary from 4-4:30, followed by our Christmas party, finishing with Christmas Caroling at 6. Invite your parents to come Caroling!! Pick up at 8PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Kidz for Christ is for children preK4 thru 5th grade. Contact **Elisa A. Reece**, Christian Programming & Children's Director, for more information 678.300.4828, ear1986@netzero.com.

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*****CR3W Youth News*****

See you at our regular time! Marsha :)

The youth are selling God's Creation 2016 calendars for \$10. They are beautiful, top quality and make great Christmas gifts. Stop in the Narthex to get yours, or see a youth member, Marsha, or LouAnn!

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MONOGRAMMED SHIRTS FOR SALE!!

Choose your monogram style.

SHORT SLEEVES \$15 or LONG SLEEVES \$18

TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH OF CUMC

Stop in the Narthex to place your order, or see a youth member or Marsha!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

Cathy Schoonover and Atalie Stewart

Attendance

Mary Golden, Nancy Graham, Ryan Hampton, Flo Mitchell, Lois Shadron

iPad Set-up & Secure – Linda Clements

Communion Servers

Pastor Matt, Atalie Stewart,

Cathy Schoonover, Tom McMichael, Harry & Shirley Hall, Tom & Debra Butler

Lector

Cathy Schoonover

Greeters

Bob & Anne Vanderhoef, Sookil & Maggie Kim

Head Usher

Bill Goodwin

Snack Supper

Kidz Christmas Party

Let's Go Caroling!
TONIGHT
6 p.m.



(Please meet in Fellowship Hall)
 Jump on our magical "reindeer" pulled sleighs as we travel from CUMC to Summer's Landing and The Lodge to sing for the residents, and serenade all of those on our travels!

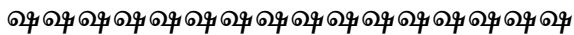
Hot chocolate and goodies will be provided by the Music Ministries on our return!

Wear your most festive attire! A prize will be awarded to the most Christmas themed outfit!

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a new tradition! Jingle Bells are encouraged!

Contact Tammara with questions

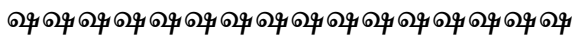
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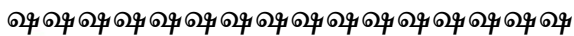
Angel Tree Outreach



The Angel tree is up in the Narthex!; deadline to return gifts will be Wednesday, December 16th. Our Angels this year are from Russell Elementary, Parkwood Elementary, and Warner Robins Rehabilitation Center. Share the love of Jesus this season!



The Pillowcase Ministry will meet **Saturday, December 12th, 10AM - 12noon, in the Admin Bldg Serenity Rm.** Questions?, contact Diane Capehart or Barbara Fatkin.



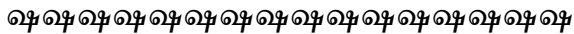
Breakfast with Santa

December 12, 2015

Games, Activities, Pancakes

10am – Noon - Fun for All

Fellowship Hall



Did you know.....The Christ School students have several programs during the month of December? You are invited to attend. They will definitely put you in the Christmas spirit!

The times of their performances are:

December 10: The third graders will perform their play at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

December 15: The kindergarten students will perform at Summers Landing at 10:00.

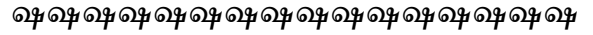
December 17: The second graders will perform in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30.

December 18: The first graders will perform in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30.

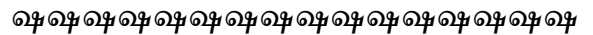


informational meeting is this Tuesday, December 8th, 4PM in

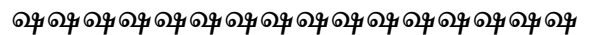
the Admin Bldg Serenity room. We will begin regular meetings after the first of the year; meetings will be Tuesdays, 4PM in the Admin Bldg Serenity room.



The Christ United Methodist Church thirteen-member staff have all been outstanding performers this year. As is our annual tradition, we provide them with, through donations, Christmas bonuses. If you would like to be a part of this blessing, place your donations in the offering plate marked "Staff Christmas Gift" on or before 20 December 2015. Thank you for your support.



The 3rd Sunday of each month is mission donation Sunday! December donations for the Food Pantry: Canned Vegetables; **Safe House: Paper Towels; **Methodist Children's Home:** Gift cards or any of the items listed @ <http://www.themethodisthome.org/donate-items>. Donations may be left in the Narthex or in the designated boxes in the Admin Bldg hallway storage room; Methodist Children's Home donations may be left in the Narthex or Wonder Women Sunday School Room. "As you do unto the least of these, you do unto me.**



SUMMARY OF PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDS

Total Credit Card Deposits - \$1,628.85
 Total Disbursements - \$-8,831.71
 Total Cash/Check Deposits - \$11,695.20
 Total Reimbursements - \$1,342.90
 GRAND TOTAL - \$5,837.24

Distribution of PP Funds as Approved by Church Council

Apportionments - \$2,044.33
 FUMC Food Pantry - \$700.23
 Family Promise - \$700.23
 Boy Scout Troop 550 - \$496
 Girl Scout Troop 60421 - \$496
 Methodist Children's Home - \$291.76
 Wesley Glen - \$291.76
 Magnolia Manor - \$291.76
 UMCOR - \$175.06
 Safe House - \$175.06
 Christian Service Center - \$175.06
 GRAND TOTAL - \$5,837.24

2016 BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Committee on Finance and the Stewardship Team will make a presentation immediately following worship on Sunday, December 20, to report on the final numbers for this year's Stewardship Campaign along with 2016's anticipated income and budget. After the presentation there will be time for Q&A from the audience. Everyone is invited and encourage to attend this informative presentation.

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

9AM - Sunday School

10AM - Worship Service

3PM - Budget Presentation Planning Meeting

4-6PM - Kidz for Christ

4-6PM - CR3W Youth Ministry, FH

6PM - Church-wide Christmas caroling, meet in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 7

4:15PM - Staff Meeting, WW Rm

6PM - Council Executive Committee

7:30PM - Barbershop Chorus, Choir Rm

Tuesday, December 8

9:30AM - Ladies Prayer Group

2-4PM - Food Pantry, 1st UMC

7PM - Boy Scouts, FH

Wednesday, December 9

9:30AM - Bible Study, Serenity Rm

12PM - Brown Bag, WW Rm

5PM - Trustees, WW Rm

6PM - Handbells, Sanctuary

7PM - Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 10

8:35AM - Christ School Chapel

1:30PM - Christ School 3rd Grade Program, Sanctuary

5:30PM - Boy Scout Patrol Mtg, Youth Rm

6PM - SPPRC Meeting, Serenity Rm

7:30PM - Young Adults Space Between, First UMC

Friday, December 11

11AM - Christ School Moe's Lunch, FH

6PM - Girl Scouts, FH

6PM - 12-step Program, WW RM

Saturday, December 12

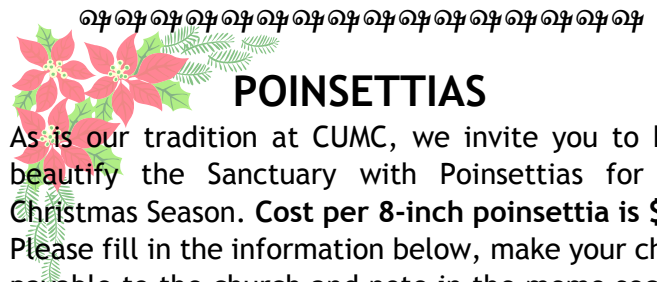
10AM - Pillowcase Ministry, Serenity Rm

10PM - Santa Breakfast, FH

2PM - Girl Scout Sleep-over begins, FH

BROWN BAG LUNCH TIME DISCUSSION

Please join us on Wednesdays from 12:00 till 1:00 for a discussion on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary scripture readings. A devotional for these readings, The Upper Room Disciplines s available to guide us in this discussion. You can get your copy from the church office for \$11.50. We will NOT meet on Wednesday, December 23 or December 30. Plan to join us this Wednesday as we prepare for Sunday's worship together.



POINSETTIAS

As is our tradition at CUMC, we invite you to help beautify the Sanctuary with Poinsettias for the Christmas Season. **Cost per 8-inch poinsettia is \$14.** Please fill in the information below, make your check payable to the church and note in the memo section "poinsettias". Place this form and your check in an offering envelope found in the pew and place in the offering plate. Orders will be accepted until Friday, December 18th. Poinsettias will be in the Sanctuary December 20th through December 29th. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve services. Any poinsettias left on December 31 will be given away.

POINSETTIAS

Donor: _____

In HONOR Of:

In MEMORY Of:

To The Glory Of God _____

of Poinsettias: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

One Heart, One Kitchen :: The CUMC ELF* Market

appetizers, sides, desserts, casseroles, goodies, gifts

*Enterprise of Love Factory

Commission an ELF* for your holiday food needs!

Pick up an order form today in the Narthex.

Or contact Vicki Coulter, vacoulter@cox.net, 478-442-2308 or Tammara House Shipes, music@christunited.net, 478-922-0211

Taste some of the offerings at the **TASTING CAFÉ**
in the Fellowship Hall *this morning* after worship.

Donations of your delicacies are still appreciated!

Just let us know if you are offering any food and we can put it into the following bulletins as to what is available and how many.

Spread the True Christmas Spirit:

All proceeds help bring Christ to the world through our meaningful ministries!

CUMC's Music Ministries proudly presents:



Presented by Kidz For Christ and Youth. You will meet Polly Porkchop, Mac N Cheese, Henry Hampton of the Hampton Inn, and numerous guests and shepherds as they remember that night that changed the world and our hearts forever!



A traditional presentation that re-lives the story of the Nativity told through readings, handbell, choral, organ, piano, and congregational carols. A heart-warming evening of music perfect for the whole family that is sure to get you ready for that miraculous night when all the angels sing!

Sunday December 20th, 6pm

Goodies to follow immediately in the Fellowship Hall

Love offering will be accepted for the Russian A Cappella group Lyra coming in Spring 2016

