



Christ United Methodist Church

November 30, 2025 (10:00 am)

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome, Gather, Grow, and Go

Rev. Jane Bradford

Breakthrough Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting

Paul and Amy Seiler

†Opening Hymn #203 (vs. 1, 2, 4) *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

†Call to Worship

Let us marvel at the miracle of Christ's birth.

For the Lord sent his son out of love to save us.

Let us hold tight the gift of love, repentance, and salvation.

See! Angels usher in the Light of the World for us.

†The Peace The peace of the Lord be with you.

And with all who gather here.

Children's Message

Rev. TK Lee

Baptism of Nora Elizabeth Spiezia

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jane Bradford

Anthem *"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"*

Ken Whitmore,
Genevieve Janvrin

†Scripture Luke 2:8-16

Britta Peterson

Sermon *"@ the Movies: A Christmas Carol"*

Rev. Caleb Hong

Offering and †Doxology #95

†Closing Hymn #169 *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

†Benediction

†Postlude

Visitors are invited to come to the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall after the service. We have a gift for you!



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Please help us decorate the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary before or after the service!

Advent at Christ UMC

Advent season is here! Bring the Advent brochure you were given as you came into the Sanctuary to a friend or neighbor and invite them to join us for an upcoming worship service. Extra brochures are available at the Connection Center.

Pick up a Christmas Angel Gift Tag

The Christmas Angel Gift Project is here! Christ UMC will “gift” about 200 people of all ages this year through 7 community agencies. Please prayerfully consider how you could help the Outreach Committee with this impactful project.

- **Pick up an Angel Tag:** Tags can be picked up **today**. Shop for a \$35 gift using sizes and wishes listed. We ask that gifts are returned (unwrapped) *with the Angel Tag attached before (if possible) 12/7*.
- **Donate tissue or gift bags:** We no longer use wrapping paper, as bags are easier for wrapping/transporting.
- **Come and bag with us:** Gift bagging will be on **Monday, 12/8 (4:30 pm)** and **Tuesday, 12/9 (9:00 am)**.

This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow church members, get into the holiday spirit, and make a positive impact in our community. **Questions?** Please contact Karla Hardman at (815) 980-0891 or khardman2014@gmail.com.

Family Meeting

Next Sunday, December 7 at 11:30 am

Join us in the Sanctuary for our monthly family meeting (20 minutes) where our congregation can gather to discuss joys, concerns, and ideas. This month, we'll be discussing the 2026 budget with members of our finance team. All are welcome.

Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 pm

A prayer gathering meets every month at Christ UMC in the Armstrong Lounge. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to offer prayer, you can just come to ask for prayer and in support of the prayers offered.

Bakers Needed for the UWF Cookie Blitz

Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (or until cookies are gone)

United Women in Faith is asking for volunteers to bake 4-5 dozen **homemade** Christmas cookies of any kind to be sold at this year's Cookie Blitz. If you aren't a baker, please consider a donation. Checks can be made to CUMC with “Cookie Blitz” on the memo line. Cookies can be brought to the kitchen in Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, 12/10 from 12-7 pm or Thursday, 12/11 from 8-5 pm**. **Questions?** Contact Phyllis Melenas at (815) 633-2288.

Join us for the 2025 Christmas Cantata: “Follow Yonder Star”

Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 am

Stars have been guiding lights over the millennia. The most important guiding star was one that shone over a simple stable. Angels sang beneath it and wise men followed it from afar with gifts for a newborn child, our gift to us on earth. Join us for our Christmas Cantata, “Follow Yonder Star” where our choirs, musicians, singers and ringers will celebrate the birth of Christ through word and song. *Note: Our regular advent service will continue at the 8:00 AM service.*

Church Conference 2025

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm

Join us in the Dining Room for this year's Church Conference, led by the District Superintendent, where we'll review the church's mission and ministries, hear key reports, and discuss goals recommended by the church council for 2026.

Snow Removal Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to help with snow removal around our campus. If you are interested helping this winter by driving a snowplow or operating a snowblower, please contact Rich (rhardman@christumc.cc).

Would You Benefit From a Hearing Assistance Device During Worship?

Christ UMC currently has 2 hearing assistance devices available in the credenza and is considering adding more devices. If you would like to use a device during services, please contact Josh (fdhayag@christumc.cc) so we can plan accordingly.