Christ United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026 (10:00 am)

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *"Blessed be Your Name"* Praise Team

Welcome, Gather, Grow, and Go Rev. Caleb Hong

Breakthrough Prayer

†Opening Song *"How Great is Our God"*

†Call to Worship

Lord, we celebrate the new year you have given us.
For you are the Lord of new beginnings and second chances.
Teach us to love the Lord with our whole hearts.
Lead us to deeper devotion. Abide in us, we pray.

†The Peace The peace of the Lord be with you.
And with all who gather here.

Children's Message Daniel Dunlap

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Jane Bradford

Anthem *"Love the Lord"* Praise Team

†Scripture Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV) Mike Warren
Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Sermon *"Fit for Life: Soul"* Rev. TK Lee

Offering and †Doxology #95

†Closing Song *"Mighty to Save"*

†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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Prayer Meeting
Today at 3:00 pm

A prayer gathering meets on the third Sunday of every month 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.

Register Now for the Prairie North District Training at Christ UMC
This Saturday, January 24 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

We're hosting the 2026 Prairie North Leadership Training featuring worship, lunch, and your choice of two workshops from a variety of options including lay leadership, next-generation ministry, communication, and more. **Register today at www.christumc.cc or in Fellowship Hall**. *Note: Registration fee is covered for CUMC attendees.*

Support the Youth Homeless Project

Our youth will be preparing Blessing Packages to share with our homeless neighbors this winter. This project will also help support our Youth Winter Retreat. You can support this project by giving by check or with Tithe.ly (memo: *Homeless Project*) to help purchase supplies, or by sponsoring a Blessing Package next Sunday. Thank you for your support!

G4G Ghana
Tomorrow, January 19 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

G4G Ghana is an organization based in Northern Illinois that distributes washable sanitary pads to girls in Ghana. Join the women of Christ UMC who help make pads for G4G in the Trinity Building. No sewing experience is necessary; there are jobs for everybody! **Questions?** Email Peg at pagiannangeli@gmail.com.

2026 Ministry Leadership Consecration
Next Sunday, January 25

We will be consecrating our 2026 committee chairpersons and ministry leaders at both services. If you serve in a ministry leadership role at Christ UMC, please join us next Sunday so we can recognize you.

2026 CUMC Leadership Training
Saturday, February 7 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

All ministry team leaders and committee chairs (new & ongoing) are asked to attend the 2026 Leadership Training in the Dining Room. We'll cover the "nuts & bolts" of leadership and be part of a workshop on discerning the will of God.

Registration is Open for Winter Bible School!
Saturday February 14 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) — Sunday, February 15 (9:30 am - 11:00 am)

Children (K-5th grade) are invited to join us for Winter Bible School: A time of fun activities and learning about God's love! Registration is free and available at www.christumc.cc until **Sunday, February 8**. We are also looking for volunteers. With questions or for additional information about volunteering, please contact Grace Lee at gracelee@christumc.cc.

Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Funeral Reception Servers: We need volunteers available to serve at Funeral Receptions. To minimize time commitment, there is a set up shift and a clean up shift. Consider volunteering with our existing team so that serving our families at a difficult time is shared among many hands. *Contact Pastor Jane Bradford (jbradford@christumc.cc)*

Kids Worship Team: Do you enjoy encouraging children and helping them learn about God's love? We are looking for Sunday School teachers to serve on Sunday mornings from 10:00–11:00 AM. All you need is a heart for children and a love for God—training will be provided. *Contact Pastor TK Lee (tklee@christumc.cc)*

Our January Mission Coin Offering Goes to UMCOR's Global Migration Fund

UMCOR partners with churches that assist migrants of all types with the right to stay, the right to safe passage, the right to welcome and the right to return with dignity. More than 25 global missionaries and Global Mission Fellows are engaged in migrant and refugee ministries around the world. Every day, people are looking for hope and ways to rebuild their lives. Offerings may be made at a service, through the Tithe.ly app, or with a check to CUMC with "coins" on the memo line.