

**Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church - A Reconciling Congregation!**

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*We are a community of faith, who welcomes ALL people. We believe that the love of Jesus was, and is, radically inclusive. We desire for you to find this sanctuary and church to be a safe place, full of love and grace.*

**Thank you for filling out the enclosed Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate during offering time.**

## December 24, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

(\*Those who are able, please stand.) **(Bold face type – parts we all speak or sing.)**  
**Nursery Care available in the Preschool Wing for 0-2 years-old.**

OPENING MUSIC “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Franklin Ashdown

A CHRISTMAS GREETING Rev. Lisa Petty

**RESPONSE: We open our hearts as we open the gifts!**

OPENING THE PRESENTS & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

### \*PRAYER OF PRESENCE:

Holy Living God, you are our Light!

**The light and love of our lives.**

Let this light grow in our lives each day,

**So, we can be a Present of Light to others.**

So, your presence may be seen in us,

**As we are present with others. Unwrap and open our hearts.**

Jesus Christ is born for all,

**The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel: God *with us*, always. Amen.**

\*SONG “O Come, All Ye Faithful” UMH #234, vv. 1, 3, 6

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2,6-7

THE GIFT OF ANTICIPATION

MUSIC “Deck the Halls” by Kathleen Wissinger  
Asbury & Chime Choirs, Directed by Tony Slinger & Desi Jensen

SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-38

THE GIFT OF EMOTION

MUSIC “Infant Holy” by Kathleen Wissinger  
Asbury & Chime Choirs, Directed by Tony Slinger & Desi Jensen

THIRD LESSON Matthew 1:18-23

THE GIFT OF OUR OWN GIFTEDNESS

SONG “The First Noel” UMH #245, vv. 1-3

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-20

STORYTIME “Santa’s Favorite Story” Rev. Lisa Petty  
by Hisako Aoki and Ivan Gantshev

### OFFERING

OPTIONS: QR Code: Use the QR code. Text to Give: Text a dollar amount to 801-317-8833 and follow the prompts. Offering Plate: Place your giving in the basket as it passes you. Thank you!



OFFERTORY MUSIC “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” arr. by Sally Deford  
Logan Bingham

FIFTH LESSON Psalm 92:1-4

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

MUSIC “Christmas Medley” arr. by Adamson  
John Adamson

SIXTH LESSON John 1:1-5

MESSAGE “Being Present with Light” Rev. Lisa Petty

\*CLOSING SONG “Silent Night” UMC #239, vv. 1 & 4  
(With candles lowered)

“Joy to the World” UMC #246, vv. 1 & 2  
(With candles raised)

### \*SENDING OUT

CLOSING MUSIC “Joy to the World”

*We hope you enjoyed worship this evening! Check out the back of this order of service for upcoming events here at Christ UMC you are all invited to!*

**Merry Christmas!**

Thank you to all of our scripture readers this evening.

“GIFT” Readings written by Rev. Bob Arnold, Anna Bagley & Rev. Lisa Petty



## Christmas Eve Worship

3:00 p.m. - Children's Interactive worship with Sloe Jam (35 minutes)  
 5:00 p.m. - Candles, Carols & Storytime with Asbury & Chime Bell Choirs  
 9:00 p.m. - Candles, Carols & Lessons with apPRAISEation Bells & Choir  
 11:00 p.m. - Candles, Carols, Lessons with The Wesley Bell Ringers  
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### Christ UMC Events This Week: Dec 25-Jan 1

**Monday & Tuesday:** Church Office is Closed!

**Wednesday: Office Open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

End of Year giving is due in the office before 1:00 pm

**Thursday – Saturday:** Church Office is Closed!

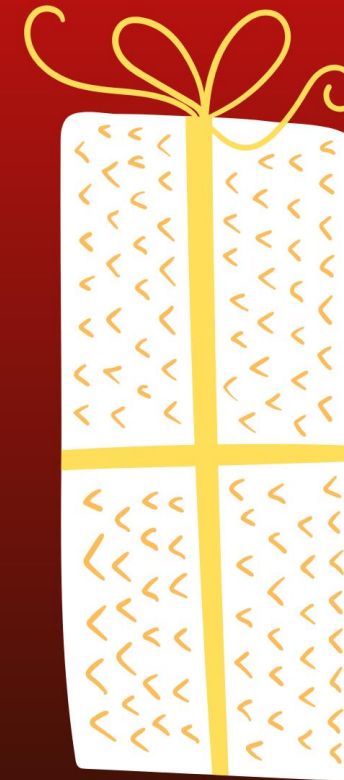
**Sunday: New Year's Eve Morning Worship – Cinnamon Roll Sunday!**

10:00 am Recharge Worship in the Chapel with goodies!

#### CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Rev. Lisa Petty
Associate Pastor	Rev. Bruce Kolasch
Children's Ministry	Alicia Griffing & Alicia Simons
Youth Ministry Liaison	Pasty Simons
Nursery Care	Eliza Prater & Lucy May
Office Administrator	Kelly Carpenter
Communications Director	Sharon Balch
Music Director & Organist	Dr. Shelby Fisher
Chancel Choir Director	Logan Bingham
Chime Choir Director	Desi Jensen
Asbury Choir Director	Tony Slinger
apPRAISEation Director	Terry Waite
Wesley Bell Ringers Director	Katie Lay
Facilities Coordinators	Vea & Lita Ofa
Financial Coordinator	Maxine Jones
Finance Secretary	Laurie Asmussen
Media	Kelly Carpenter, Barrett Carpenter & Shannon Meyer
Explorer Preschool Director	Cornel Faith
Chapel Accompanist	Rick McClure
Sunday Set Up Crew	Dave & Jeff Martin

# Christ



*For unto us in born this day in the  
city of David a Savior, which is*

*Christ the Lord*

*- Luke 2:11*