

**Christ UMC Worship Service
November 29, 2020**



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Adam Kelchner

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Jan Phelps

OPENING SONG

"Canticle Of the Turning"
Worship Band

Cooney

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 57:14-19

Hannah Deweese

A Promise of Help and Healing

¹⁴ It shall be said,

"Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way."

¹⁵ For thus says the high and lofty one
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the humble,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

¹⁶ For I will not continually accuse,
nor will I always be angry;
for then the spirits would grow faint before me,
even the souls that I have made.

¹⁷ Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry;
I struck them, I hid and was angry;

but they kept turning back to their own ways.

¹⁸ I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will lead them and repay them with comfort,
creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips.^[a]

¹⁹ Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the LORD;
and I will heal them.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 1:5-25

Sarah Deweese

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

⁵ In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸ Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰ Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹ Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹ The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²² When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that

he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

SERMON

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RESPONSE

"Wait for the Lord"
Worship Band

Gillette

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CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Anne Hook

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

Prayer List November 29

New Prayer Concerns

The family of Zel Stroud in her death on November 25
Sharyn Slaughter and family in the death of her cousin Diana's husband
Travon Anderson
Paul Hastings
People in the hospital with COVID, their families and the healthcare workers taking care of them
Separated loved ones during the holidays due to COVID concerns
Terri Wildman

Recurring Prayer Concerns

ALL MILITARY DEPLOYED
Patsy Alexander
Angela, sister of Trish Kaberle
Joanne Austin
Black Lives Matter
Chris Blossom's mother
Audrey Buffington
Caregivers and healthcare workers
Bob Carlisle and family
Center for Living and Learning residents
The family of Janet Charlton
Cecilia Chieng
Children being detained and suffering at the US-Mexico border
CUMC family
People with coronavirus
Our country
Leanne and Kevin Craft
Linda Cross and the women of TPW
Janine Daly
Dorothy, sister of Sharon Carolan
Mark Duncan
Stephanie Eargood and children
East End UMC, Braden Memorial and Dodson Chapel
Those whom we consider our enemies
Those who consider us their enemy
Macy Fowler
Kara Gilliam
People and property in the Gulf and Louisiana after hurricanes
Alan Hall
Jim Heep
The Holt family
Kathy Holtz
Lillie Howard
Chris Hoyte and wife
All those incarcerated and fearful of COVID
Ted Johnston
Marilyn Kemp
Betty Latture
Leah and family
Susan Forrest Levy
Phyllis Luttrell
Kent McNish
Pauline Mong (Susan Murrillo's mother)
Clay Morgan
Lynda Nutt
Shawn Parker (Trish Kaberle's brother in law)
Craig Patton
Elwin and Bonnie Pierce
Judson Randolph
Riverbend Prison and CUMC ministry

Prayer List November 29

Savannah Seifferth
Senior adults who are isolated
Barbara Smith
Steve Smith
Students and teachers during COVID
Those who grieve
Tornado victims in Nashville and the surrounding areas
Steve White
John Wigant
Chris Wright
Karen Yarbrough