

Christ UMC Worship
11.30.2025
1st Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Last Minute Toy Store

Lisa Spencer

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (1,2,3,7) 211 (Red)
 Congregation and Worship Band

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and show us in her ways to go. *Refrain***

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain***

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife. *Refrain***

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*OPENING PRAYER

**God of peace,
come to us again this Advent.
May your peace reign within us,
illuminating the dark and fearful places
in our lives and in our troubled world. Amen**

ACT OF PRAISE

"Grant Us Peace"
Celebration Singers

Scott

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GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

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 2:1-5

Pauline Rogers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

Tony Lizarraga

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

"Come, True Light"
Gayle Cates and Worship Band

Hart | Liles

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

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.**

OFFERING

Dr. Johnathan Vest

*DOXOLOGY

94 (Red)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SILENT REFLECTION

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

*CLOSING SONG "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 206 (Red)
 Worship Band and Congregation

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain:
 In him there is no darkness at all.
 The night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]**

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*DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*BLESSING SONG

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

Strathdee

**The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine on you,
and be gracious, gracious.
The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance on you
and give peace, give you peace.
Shalom, shalom.**

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*CLOSING MUSIC

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

The Ivie Family
Melanie

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Casey Lynn Barnett
AmySue Bernthal
Suzanne Brandon
Sue Buffet
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Family and friends of Gary Clark,
 following his death
Joy Cobb
Micah Davis
Nancy Edmunds
Scott Farmer
Margaret Fortney
Elaine Fussell and Family
Amanda Garner
Gentry's Educational Foundation
Edith Ann Gibb
Michael Ham
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Kathy Holtz
Immigrant Community in Will. Co.
Gary Janke
Allen Johnston and family following
 the death of his mother, Sara
Donnie King
Jerry Kirk
Caleb Lillard

Joe McCaleb
Those impacted by Hurr. Melissa
Ed & Sue Mueller
Susan Murillo
Chuck Neighbors
Robert Newton
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
The people of the Philippines, due
 to 2 recent devastating typhoons
Judson Randolph
Joan Ratcliff
Pat Ring
Room in the Inn
Aaron Seay
Kathryn Seay
Wilma Spivey
Jennifer Sturgill
Pramila Thomas
Sulaiman Tunkara
Ukraine
Carole Vietti
Susan Ward
John Wigant
Terri Wildman
Jeff Williams
Karen Yarbrough