

Christ UMC Worship
 December 7, 2025
 2nd Sunday of Advent

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

CHRIST UMC YEAR END REVIEW John Szabo

****LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

****OPENING SONG** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196 (Red)
Congregation and Worship Band

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us,
 let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art;
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child and yet a King,
 born to reign in us forever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all sufficient merit,
 raise us to thy glorious throne.**

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**** OPENING PRAYER**

**God of hope,
 come to us again this Advent.
 May your hope live within us,
 burning as a light in our lives,
 as we share this hope with your troubled world. Amen.**

ANTHEM

"Canticle of the Turning"
Worship Band

Cooney

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BAPTISM, Austin Curtis and Charlotte Hope Rauh

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 11:1-10

Katie Higgins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lanie Perkins

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

Marnie Cotton

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE

"The Rebel Jesus"
Worship Band

Browne

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

8 (Red)

**Merciful God,
 we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have failed to be an obedient church.
 We have not done your will,
 we have broken your law,
 we have rebelled against your love,
 we have not loved our neighbors,
 and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
 Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All may offer silent prayers of confession.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY

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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2257 (Black)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,

your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,

made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts
and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.
You put down the mighty from their thrones
and exalt those of low degree.
You fill the hungry with good things,
and the rich you send empty away.
Your own Son came among us as a servant
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.
He humbled himself in obedience to your will
and freely accepted death on a cross.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (Red)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

****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**

Dr. Johnathan Vest

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Baby Levon
Bettye English

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

AmySue Bernthal
Suzanne Brandon
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
Edith Ann Gibb
Michael Ham
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Kathy Holtz
Immigrant Community in Will Co.
The Ivie Family
Gary Janke
Donnie King
Jerry Kirk
Caleb Lillard
Joe McCaleb

Melanie
Ed & Sue Mueller
Susan Murillo
Chuck Neighbors
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
The people of the Philippines
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