

Christ UMC Worship
1.18.2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen up, everyone!
God has given us work to do.
**God has called each of us
before we were even born.**
It was God who named us.
It is God who claims us.
The light of God's love shines in us.
Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*OPENING HYMN

"The Summons" ("Will You Come and Follow Me?") 2130 (Black)
Congregation and Worship Band

**Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.**

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***OPENING PRAYER**

ACT OF PRAISE

**"The Call"
*Worship Band***

Graham | Downes

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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	John 1:29-42	Melissa Staley
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Lanie Perkins
SCRIPTURE	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Tami D'Angelo
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE	Dr. Johnathan Vest
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Rev. Anne Hook
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.**

OFFERTORY	"Softly and Tenderly" <i>Celebration Singers and Joyful Noise Youth Choir</i>	arr. Clausen
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**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 "Would I Have Answered When You Called" 2137 (Black)
Congregation and Worship Band

**Would I have answered when you called,
Come, follow, follow me!""?
Would I at once have left behind
both work and family?
Or would the old, familiar round
have held me By its claim
and kept the spark within my heart
From bursting into flame?**

**Would I have followed where you led
through ancient Galilee,
On roads unknown, by ways untried,
beyond security?
Or would I soon have hurried back
where home and comfort drew,
Where truth you taught would not disturb
The ordered world I knew?**

**Would I have matched my step with yours
when crowds cried, ""Crucify!""
When on a rocky hill I saw
a cross against the sky?
Or would I too have slipped away
and left you there alone,
A dying king with crown of thorns
upon a terrible throne?**

**O Christ, I cannot search my heart
through all its tangled ways,
Nor can I with a certain mind
my steadfastness appraise.
I only pray that when you call,
""Come, follow, follow me!""
You'll give me strength beyond
my own to follow faithfully.**

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*DISMISSAL

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*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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Sunday Worship Attendance

Scan to register your attendance. Thank you for joining us today!



Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Patti Sue Harper
People of Minneapolis
Linda Daniel
Lynda Szeglin
Mallory Marsiglio
Laura Duff

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

The Babu Family
Krista Barre'
Tom Beadles
Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Joy Cobb
Janet Cothron and family following
the death of her mother,
Peggy Stafford
Dennison Craddock
Micah Davis
Brett Dean
Angela Dugger
Becky Duncan
Nancy Edmunds
Scott Farmer
Margaret Fortney
Karen Galloway and family
following the death of her father
Amanda Garner
Edith Ann Gibb
Amy Hargis
Carolyn Hatchett
Tommy Hatchett
Kathy Holtz

Gary Janke
Dr. Saira Jay and family
Donnie King
Jerry Kirk
Jason McArthur and family
Ed & Sue Mueller
Susan Murillo
Reagan Perkins
Judson Randolph
Joan Ratcliff
Pat Ring
All those incarcerated at RMSI
Staff and Leadership at RMSI
Amy Roadman and family following
the death of her mother,
Nancy Schowalter
Room in the Inn
Aaron Seay
Wilma Spivey
Kelly Stanley
Carole Vietti
Susan Ward
John Wigant
Jeff Williams
Karen Yarbrough

Upcoming Groups/Meetings/Events at Christ UMC

SAVE THE DATE! - Youth Dinner Theatre Fundraiser
Saturday, February 21st | Details & registration coming soon!

SOUP-ER Bowl Sunday - Sunday, Feb. 8th | Soup makers can sign up in the Narthex. Soup pre-orders (\$10/quart) begin Jan. 25th!

Lenten Sacred Self Care Group Info Meeting - Learn more about this new Lenten group opportunity on Sunday, Jan. 25th after worship in the library. Contact Bill Heinzman for details.

Quarterly Visitors Brunch - Sunday, Jan. 25th at 9:15am in the library. All new visitors to our church are invited! Pick up a postcard at the Welcome Desk with additional info and RSVP today!

Interested in joining Christ UMC? Our next CONNECT Class begins Sunday, Feb. 1st at 9:15am in the library. RVSP to Pastor Chris

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party! - Tuesday, Feb. 17th | 5:30pm | Fellowship Hall. Sign up in newsletter.

Monthly: Grief Support Group - 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 9:45am | Fireplace Area | Contact Steve Middlebrooks

Monthly: Christ UMC Book Club - 3rd Tuesdays 4pm | Offsite | Contact Jan Phelps

Monthly: Prayerful Hands Knitting Club - 4th Sunday after worship | Fireplace Area | Contact Cheryl Stanley

Monthly: United Women in Faith - Salad Lunch & Learn | Sunday, Feb. 22nd after worship in the library. All are welcome!

YAM JAM IS BACK!

SoSA Potato Drop | Sat., Feb. 28th | Details & sign-up in newsletter

This year we're adding a CUMC Service day after all the potatoes are loaded. Stay & help with projects around our church building and campus!

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Monthly: GraceWorks Fuel Bags | Contact Shelly Bleistein

Oct - April: Gentry's Tutoring | Contact Katie Higgins or Ethel Detch

Monthly: Meals on Wheels @ Franklin First | Contact Becky Calvin

Nov - March: Room in the Inn (RITI) | Contact Donna Hudson

HELP NEEDED with RITI Dinners on Jan. 22 & 29 and Feb. 5

Special Volunteer Opportunity - Help ABLE Youth with their Music City Madness Wheelchair Basketball Tournament on Feb. 14 & 15. Over 200 volunteer spots need to be filled. Sign up in our newsletter.

Sign up links and additional details can be found in the Narthex and in our weekly newsletter. Subscribe today!

