Christ UMC Worship
11.29.2026
1st Sunday of Advent
** - Please stand in body or spirit
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture readings are from
The New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC — Kate Ward

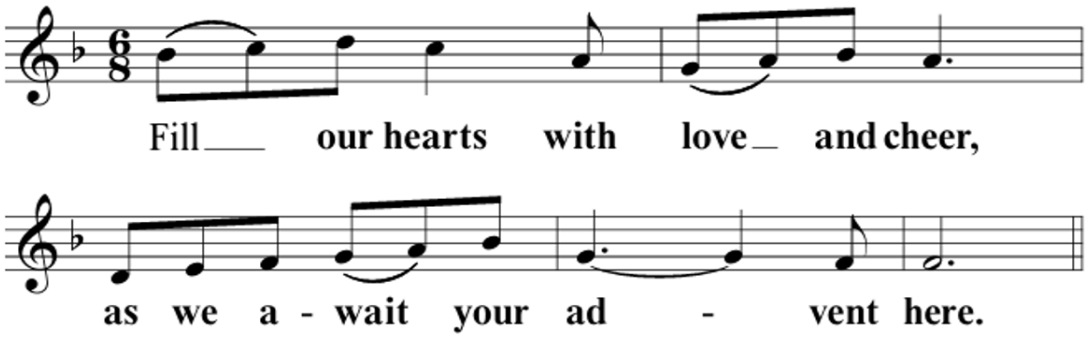
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, ABLE Youth

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Come, Lord, Jesus" — Bedford
Children's Choir; John Dugger, director

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* OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196 (Red)
Congregation

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

ACT OF PRAISE "Thankful" Burrows
Children's Choir; John Dugger, director

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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 64:1-9 Jennifer Montgomery

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rachel Salmon Parks

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:24-37 Steve Middlebrooks

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE "Come, O Redeemer, Come" Ortega
Stephen Richardson; Stephanie Marshall, violin

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rachel Salmon Parks

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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Trad.
Kate, Ari, and Asher Ward

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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!

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

*CLOSING SONG "Canticle of the Turning" Cooney
Congregation; Stephanie Marshall, violin

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Higher voices:
Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last
from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain:
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Lower voices:
From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain:
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

All:
Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard

is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be *CRUSHED BY GOD,*
who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

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SENDING FORTH 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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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Amy Hargis
Bob Coyer
Bob Myers

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Suzanne Brandon
Don Campbell
Esther Cast
Tony Cavitt
Barbie Corrin
Doug Davis
Sally Faith
Margaret Fortney
Doug Fuqua
Edith Ann Gibb
Bill Greer
Alan Hall
Kathy Holtz
Hugh Hudson
Joe Kennedy
Donnie King
Marvin Koontz
Suze Anna Koontz
John McKeehan
Kent McNish
Rees Mitchell
Ed Mueller
David Pifer
Judson Randolph
Residents and staff of Riverbend and their loved ones
Room in the Inn
Rachel Salmon Parks
Aaron Seay
Charles Spivey
Wilma Spivey
Lynda Szeglin
Carole Vietti
Ray White
John Wigant
Karen Yarbrough