



# Welcome to Christ Church!

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*Christ Church United Methodist is a Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope and Love Serving our Neighbors and the World as the Hands of Christ.*

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You have chosen to be a part of the Body of Christ that has been worshipping together for over 220 years. Welcome! We are glad you are here.*

The 11:00am service is broadcast on 1240AM and 95.7FM. The livestream of our service can be found on the Christ Church Facebook page, which is also accessible from our church website: [www.ccumwv.org](http://www.ccumwv.org).

All songbooks are located between the seats. Song texts will also be projected on the screens.

Congregational responses are in **bold italic**. Please see an usher if you need a hearing assist.

Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday, which is one of the most theologically profound events in the gospel narratives because it further establishes Christ's identity as the Son of God. The liturgical colors for today are white and gold.

The Processional Hymn of Praise is the first of two hymns we are singing today by the Lutheran poet and author, the late Susan Palo Cherwien, husband or organist and composer, David Cherwien. The text speaks of Christ as the Light of the World. It also mentions that we as Christians must use our gifts to share the Light of Christ with the world. The tune, NETTLETON, is an early American tune first printed in Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813. Methodist minister, Rev. Elkanah Dare, is credited for adapting this tune for use at Methodist camp meetings in the 19<sup>th</sup> c.

Sunday, January 12, 2025

11:00am

Baptism of the Lord

† - Those who are able, please stand

## VOLUNTARY

*"Slow Air No. 1".....Herbert Howells*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*"Spirit of the Living God".....LIVING GOD*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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## † CALL TO WORSHIP

God says: Look! See my chosen servant,  
the One in whom I utterly delight;

***I have placed my Spirit on him,  
he will bring true justice to the nations.***

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up,  
and the Spirit came down like a dove;  
and there was a voice from heaven saying:

***"This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."***

Through the sacrament of baptism, the light of Christ is present  
with each and every one of us.

***Come, let us worship Christ, the Light of the World.***

## † PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Field of Stars Awash in Splendor".....NETTLETON*

***1. Field of stars awash in splendor, stars of light, for glory made,  
With the light of Christ forever for the universe arrayed:  
Not alone, your life's creations, not alone, your daily arc,  
But as one fair constellation shining brightness in the dark.***

***2. Gathered light of God's own people, more than each alone could be,  
Called to serve, beloved noble, splendid in community:  
Many are the gifts of blessing, many are the wards of night,  
May each life in Christ abiding be a beam of holy light.***

***3. Christ, O Light surpassing brightness, Christ, the rising Morning Star,  
Light our days and shine out from us into shaded fields afar.  
Let the saints sing joy in glory, let God's beauty glorious rise,  
For the morning stars in chorus shall foreshadow paradise.***

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The Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father) is a hymn of praise that is Trinitarian in nature praising God, the Father, God, the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The text was written in 2005 by Welsh Methodist minister, Rev. Gareth Hill.

The text to the Preparation for Prayer was written in 1999 for the songbook, Psalter for Christian Worship, 1999 and 2019 by Michael Morgan, who attended Columbia Theological Seminary and was organist at Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The tune is an traditional Irish melody.

The text to the anthem was written by Susan Bentall Boersma. A resident of Holland, Michigan, Susan is an active church musician and has written anthem texts for several of today's leading sacred composers, including David Lantz III, Mark Hayes, Lloyd Larson, and Craig Courtney, who is a staff composer and editor for Beckenhorst Press in Columbus, Ohio. The anthem opens with the music of VENI EMMANUEL and includes a verse that mentions the star, the light in the sky over the place where Jesus was born.

† GATHERING PRAYER

***Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are,  
we too delight in your beloved Son.  
As in his name we gather in the house of many praises,  
may the heavens be opened for us,  
that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love  
that transforms our common days  
with a beauty not of our making.  
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!***

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
***And also with you.***  
Let us share in signs of reconciliation and peace.

† GLORIA PATRI

HYFRYDOL

***Praise we bring to God, the Father. Praise we bring to God, the Son.  
Praise to God, the Holy Spirit; Praise to you, the Three-in-One.  
Trinity of love, inspire us. May we always strive to be  
One in love and one in worship-children of eternity.***

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MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

SHARING OF OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (sung twice)

*"God of All Righteousness".....SLANE*

***God of all righteousness, hear when we pray,  
In our distress be our hope and our stay;  
Long have we suffered revilement and shame,  
Great God of mercy, we call on your name.***

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SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.***

ANTHEM

The Chancel Choir

*"Who But the Lord".....Craig Courtney*  
*"O come, Thou bright and morning star and bring us comfort from afar. Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light. Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I"? Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace? Who but the Lord. O shine on us the brightness of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us! Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.*

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Today is the second sermon in our Epiphany sermon series entitled, "Divine Love with a Human Touch."

The Doxology is a hymn of praise to God that is Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The text is an altered version of the original text from 1674 and was written in 1974 by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Vieira, United Methodist minister in the San Francisco Bay area of California. The tune is a German Catholic tune dating from 1623. The harmony was created in 1906 by the great British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The Hymn of Response was written in 2003 by sacred poet, the late Susan Palo Cherwien. Born in the Finnish-American community of Ashtabula, Ohio, she was active in the Lutheran Church and lived in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. The text is from a collection of hymns entitled, Come, Beloved of the Maker, published in 2010. The text speaks the Christian ideals of faith, hope and love found in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13. (These ideals are also found in our church mission statement shown at the top of the first page.) The tune, KINGSFOLD, is an English folk tune recorded on paper by British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. Throughout his life, Vaughan Williams would tour the English countryside to discover and write down as many English folk songs as possible. Vaughan Williams first heard this folk tune in Kingsfold, in Sussex, England, about 2 hours south of London.

† GOSPEL LESSON - *The Baptism of Jesus*

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Bible, pg. 60

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias

*"Claimed and Called to Love"*

OFFERING OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, GIFTS, SERVICE AND WITNESS

† OFFERTORY

*"Interlude No. 7"* .....David Terry

† DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***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!***

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† HYMN OF RESPONSE

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*"Revealed in Christ, the Word of God"* .....KINGSFOLD

† REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

When Christ Church was rebuilt after the 1969 fire,  
Church architect Ed Sovik placed the baptismal font  
by the entrance to the Centrum as a reminder of our baptism.  
As you leave this place today, you are encouraged to touch the waters  
and remember your baptism.

You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit  
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.  
Live each day as a new day in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

*"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* .....Robert Hobby

† VOLUNTARY

*"Sortie in F Major"* .....Paul Fey

## REVEALED IN CHRIST, THE WORD OF GOD

1 Re-vealed in Christ, the word of God cre - ates a liv - ing sign;  
 2 Re-vealed in Christ, the light of God shines in - to deep - est night;  
 3 Re-vealed in Christ, the heart of God at - tends the si - lent sigh,  
 4 All - lov - ing God, in this wide sphere our thanks and song are due,

and wis - dom, love, and truth un - fold in hu - man made di - vine;  
 and none shall pass, no one shall pale, from God's de - vot - ed sight;  
 and meets with o - pen, car - ing arms the out - cast pass - ing by;  
 and giv - en glad - ly from the heart, for all good comes from you;

may we as Christ with - in this world God's lov - ing truth em - brace:  
 may we as Christ now in this hour give jus - tice shape and scope:  
 may we as Christ here in this place God's lov - ing pres - ence prove:  
 your Heart at - tends, your Light does shine, your lov - ing Word cre - ates,

out - side the snares of drift and fraud, God's peo - ple walk in faith.  
 in spite of em - pire's fear and press, God's peo - ple walk in hope.  
 be - yond the draw of like and clan, God's peo - ple walk in love.  
 and so with choirs of saints we sing our love and hope and faith.