

reflecting the sacred

*People
of
Love*

2nd Sunday of Advent

Christ Church United Methodist

December 4, 2022

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*Denotes when congregation is invited to stand, in body or spirit.

Bold type denotes congregation speaking aloud.

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

reflecting the sacred

The shiny additions to our holiday visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred. All creation is imbued with the Creator's brilliance. We begin by remembering the call to shine with holy light.

Gathering Music

Roots and Wings Choir

Welcome and Opening Meditation

Rob Prickett

Introit The Light of Hope Enters — *Upon this Moment* by Marcia McFee, arr. Chuck Bell

*Call to Worship

Living God, we pray for your Love this day.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see each person as a gift of holy presence.

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery, lighting the way to love.

As we take in the love you offer, we give thanks for this holy gathering of Beloveds.

May we reflect your light, and expand the sacred presence you have promised, into the sacred presence we can offer.

*Opening Hymn — *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

UMH 230 vs. 1, 2, 3

refracting the sacred

As we encounter the message today, we see the world and our own lives and loved ones in a different light, one that invites us to know more deeply the sacred nature of all things.

All-Age Story

Rev. Emily Flemming

Children pre-K through 5th grade are invited downstairs for Children's Church.

Children will return for Communion.

First Scripture Reading — Romans 15:4-7 (CEB)

Rob Prickett

Choral Anthem — *Of Creator's Love Begotten* by Prudentius, Neale, Baker and Douglas

Roots and Wings Choir

*Second Scripture Reading — Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSVUE)

Rob Prickett

This is a word of God for a people of God. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

Sermon — "Windows and Mirrors: People of Love"

Rev. Ashley Murphy, CU Boulder Wesley Foundation Director

refilling the sacred

God's presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week.

Musical Reflection — *In the Bleak Midwinter* by Rossetti and Holst

Dave Ramsey

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Rev. Emily Flemming

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Emily Flemming

Offering Connection

Rob Prickett

Holy Communion

Special Music — *Ave Maria* by Franz Schubert

Rev. Kama Hamilton Morten

reframing the sacred

This Advent season, we are reframing the way we recognize the sacred reflected all around and through us. As we go, we prepare to share Christ's love with others.

Anointing Hymn — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211 vs. 3, 4

Anointed to Sacred Time

*Closing Hymn — *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* Pew insert

*Benediction

Rev. Emily Flemming

*All Church Photo

All are invited to move to the front of the sanctuary for the photo!

Announcements

Many thanks to today's volunteers:

The Reed/Aguilar Family, Acolytes

Kristen Vuletich and Kate Yonushewski, Welcome Team

John Buckle, Financial Counter

Church Conference, our annual business meeting, is after worship TODAY in the sanctuary.

Advent Reflection Class meets at 9am Sundays through Advent in the Naylor Study. Come and reflect on the Advent season.

Donations needed for the **Diaper Drive**. United Women in Faith will donate them to Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot at the end of Advent.

Trustees meeting Dec. 6 at 5:30pm in the Upper Room (Rm. 206).

Join us! **Cookies and Carols** after worship Dec. 11 in the Fellowship Hall.

All who identify as women or non-binary are invited to the **Annual Christmas Party** for United Women in Faith 6pm Mon., Dec. 19 in the Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck and we'll exchange wrapped ornaments.

Christ Church's Care Team meets 7pm Tuesday, December 20 on Zoom.

Christmas Eve Services: 3pm (Wiggle Friendly); 5pm (Carols and Candles, livestreamed); 7pm (Simple and Sacred)

Sunday Seminar meets at 9am Sundays in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Choir rehearses 6pm Wednesdays in the choir room. All voices welcome.

Please tear along crease and place in the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week of December 4th

☐ **Please share in the newsletter.**

☐ **For staff prayer only.**

WE WANT TO KNOW

How can we help you connect to other people, inside and outside the church?

**Please complete the connections
slip and place in offering plate.**

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Name(s): _____

Children in attendance: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email(s): _____

☐ My contact info has changed.

I am/We are

☐ Member/s

☐ Regular Attender

☐ First-Time Visitor

Visitors, how'd you hear about us?

☐ Banners

☐ Friend: _____

☐ Website

☐ Facebook

What drew you to our community?

The church office needs to know:

☐ I would like to receive emailed newsletters.

☐ I would appreciate a nametag.

☐ Please help connect me to:

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Christ Church United Methodist! This faith community works to be R.E.A.L. (helping you **R**elate, **E**ngage, **A**dvocate, and **L**earn). We share a deep connection to God and one another, loving across differences. We are excited that you found us and hope that you will feel relaxed, and comfortable. Please reach out to pastors or staff if you have any questions.

Children - We love and welcome all ages in worship. Enjoy our Wiggle Bags, or visit the Children's Library in the lobby. The Nursery is available for ages 0-4.

Social Distance Indicators - Please choose and display your comfort level:
Red = Please maintain 6' distance.
Yellow = Some closer contact ok (i.e. elbow bumps).
Green = High fives and handshakes welcome.

Giving and Serving - Checks and cash are welcome in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. Drop a check in the mail, or text any amount to 720-806-4114 to use our website for online donations.

Privacy - Worship this morning is livestreamed to YouTube. If you prefer not to be on screen, please sit near the back and keep children in your seats during the All-Age Story.

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