

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

August 9, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Welcome Visitors

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Carol Kerr

- Leader: Come, people of God, bringing your hopes, your burdens, your joys, and your prayers. God hears the cries of every heart and calls us to pray for our children, our families, and our neighbors.
- **People: We come seeking the God of compassion. Open our hearts to love, to serve, and to care for those around us.**
- Leader: Let us worship the God whose mercy is new every morning and whose love sends us into the world to be a blessing.
- **People: We come with thankful hearts, trusting God’s promises and answering God’s call. Amen.**

*Congregational Hymn

“Only Trust Him” | UMH #337

*Apostles Creed

Children’s Message

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

(Children may exit immediately following this moment for additional activities.)

*Congregational Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” | UMH #396

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Offering

*Doxology

UMH #95

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Kilbourne

Scripture

1 Samuel 1:20-28 (NRSV)

Anthem

“Great and Mighty Lord” | CUMC Choir *featuring Ralph Davis*

Message

“A Life of Surrender” | Rev. Kilbourne

*Congregational Hymn

“I Surrender All” | UMH #354

*Benediction

*Sending Litany

- Leader: Go in the confidence that God hears every prayer. Open your hearts to the children, families, and neighbors God has placed in your path.
- **People: We will pray with faith, love with compassion, and serve with joy wherever God sends us.**
- Leader: Go with hearts open to the children, families, and neighbors God has placed around you.
- **People: We will seek to love, serve, and care for them with the compassion of Christ.**
- Leader: May the God who remembered Hannah strengthen your faith, deepen your compassion and guide your steps in the days ahead. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **All: Amen.**

Postlude

**Rise in body or in spirit.*

WELCOME TO CHRIST UMC



Welcome to Christ UMC! Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been with us for years, please take a moment to mark your attendance in the **pew book** at the end of your row. **If you are visiting today**, be sure to get a **Welcome Bag** from our ushers and complete the **Contact Card** inside to share your contact information, prayer requests, or anything else you would like our office to know.



Christ United Methodist Church will once again have the privilege of hosting Family Promise families from Aug. 30 through Sept. 6.

During this week, we will open our doors to provide hospitality, meals, encouragement, and a safe place for families working toward stable housing.

This ministry is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to put Christ's love into action. In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to volunteer by preparing meals, serving as evening hosts, staying overnight, helping with setup and cleanup, or donating needed items.

For questions or more details, contact Barb Knowlton at (865)803-3077

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Lou Watson	Carolyn Hatfield <i>(mother of Larry Beeler)</i>
Cindy Skaggs	Phyllis Denny <i>(sister of Paul Tatum)</i>
Mark Grace <i>(son of Karen Grace)</i>	Judy Lewis <i>(grandmother of Ty Matherly)</i>
Sheila Morris	Sharon Grissom <i>(sister of Cynthia Waters)</i>
Lindsey Hrica <i>(niece of Nancy Counts)</i>	Mark Roberts <i>(nephew Nancy&Skip Allen)</i>
Lyn and Larry Coble	The family of Marshall Crippen
Lisa Beeler	Linda Skaggs
	Donna Bittle

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested otherwise. To add or omit a name from this list, contact the church office at 865-922-1412 or email leah@christumcknox.com.



If you would like to reserve a Sunday to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please add your request to the Flower Calendar outside of the church office, or call the office to check for availability.

More Than a Classic Truck: Honoring the Legacy of Jim Davis

The beautiful 1952 Chevrolet pickup truck featured on this year's Christ United Methodist Church Car Show promotional materials is more than an award-winning classic—it is a tribute to the life of Jim Davis, a faithful member of Christ United Methodist Church from 1996 until his passing in March 2025. As we prepare for this year's Christ United Methodist Church Car Show, we are honored to feature Jim's truck as the face of the event. It serves as a fitting reminder that while classic cars are admired for their craftsmanship and beauty, the greatest treasures they carry are the stories, relationships, and memories attached to them. Jim's truck beautifully reflects the kind of life he lived—a life grounded in faith, devoted to family, dedicated to serving others, and filled with gratitude for the blessings God had given him.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, for a day of classic cars, fellowship, and community.



NEWS & NEEDS

Reminder: Special Church Council Meeting

This is a reminder that a **Specially Called Church Council Meeting** has been scheduled on **Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm** to discuss the future direction of our Children's Ministry. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend and share their ideas. As noted by Pastor Mark, only Church Council members may vote on any motions brought before the Council.

If you know someone who may have missed this announcement, please help spread the word by sharing the meeting date and time. We encourage everyone to come with a spirit of prayer, encouragement, and positive ideas as we work together to strengthen our ministry to children and their families.

NEXT FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Wednesday, August 19th | 10:00-11:30 am

Food Pantry Needs for August:

Chicken Ramen Noodles, Pop Tarts, Cereal

DATES TO NOTE

Monday, August 10:

*Prisca's Partners, 10:00 am

Tuesday, August 11:

*Church Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 12:

*Journeys Class, 6:00 pm

*Youth Activities, 6:30 pm

*Choir Practice, 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 13:

*Sing a New Song, 10:00 am

*PLDC Meeting, 6:30 pm



Love Gives: Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign Begins

We're excited to announce the launch of our 2027 Stewardship Campaign! This year's theme, "Love Gives," reminds us that generosity is one of the most meaningful ways we respond to God's love and share that love with others through the ministries of Christ UMC.

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more about our Stewardship Sunday worship service, opportunities to participate in the campaign, and how your faithful support helps our church continue making a difference in our community and beyond. Stay tuned for more details—we look forward to taking this journey of generosity together!

Support Family Promise at the 20th Annual Pasta & Bluegrass Festival

Join Family Promise of Knoxville for the 20th Annual Pasta & Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, August 22, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Concord UMC. This fun-filled evening combines delicious food, great music, and a meaningful mission as the community comes together to help families experiencing housing instability.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

For full announcements and updates, please refer to our online newsletter, *The Christ Connection*, which is emailed out every week. If you are not an email subscriber and you would like to sign-up, scan the QR code here to access the online form.



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August 9, 2026

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.



"For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition."
— 1 Samuel 1:27

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. for all ages

Pastor: Rev. Mark Kilbourne

Director of Music: Sarah Holloway

Organist: Mike Beckley | **Pianist:** Nancy Hodges

Today's Liturgist: Carol Kerr

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Church Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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WiFi Network: "Christ UMC Guest" (no password required)