



NEWS + NEEDS



If you have been shopping for this year's Angel Tree project, this is a reminder that all unwrapped gifts are due back next Sunday, December 14. Thank you so much for participating!



Christmas Card Drop-Off
The Christmas card drop-off station is back for the season! If you wish to send a Christmas card to your friends here at church, let us help! Write the recipient's first AND last names on the envelope, drop it off at the card station outside the gym, and we will sort them in the alphabetized drawers for pick-up. Donations are graciously accepted toward the building fund that would otherwise go toward your postage. Thank you!



Wednesday, December 24 | 5 p.m.

Join us for a service of worship, carols, and candlelight. All are welcome.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday, Dec. 8: Prisca's, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13: UMM Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Santa Brunch, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14: Angel Tree gifts deadline

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

Dec. 24-Jan. 1: Church office closed

Church Office Operations:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00-3:00; closed on Fridays

865-922-1412

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 23, 2025



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Sunday Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:00 & 11:00 for all ages

Pastor: Rev. Mark Kilbourne

Director of Music: Sarah Holloway

Organist: Mike Beckley | Pianist: Nancy Hodges

Today's Liturgist: Chris Burtner

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE

—TRADITIONAL WORSHIP—

December 7, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary & Online

Prelude

Welcome | Passing the Peace

*Congregational Hymn

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

...We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.

Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Children's Message

(Children may exit following the Children's Message for children's worship with Ms. Samantha and her team of volunteers.)

*Congregational Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer, followed by

The Lord's Prayer

(Please be in prayer for those individuals being displayed on the Prayer List that is up on the screen and in your bulletin.)

Scripture

Anthem

Message

Invitation to Holy Communion

Communion | Today's communion servers: Sarah Holloway & Cynthia Waters; John Collins & Teresa Matherly

*Congregational Hymn

*Benediction

Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit



Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias for our worship space. The dedications insert will be in next week's bulletin for you to see who was honored and remembered with a Christmas poinsettia.

Chris Burtner

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” | UMH #196

The Johnson family

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Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | UMH #211

UMH #95

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)

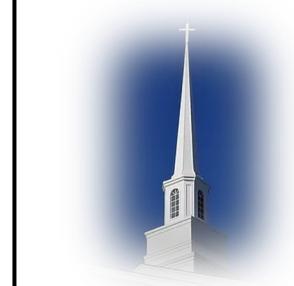
“Glad Tidings of Joy” | CUMC Choir;

“Signs and Stories” | Rev. Kilbourne

UMH #12-13 (also on screen)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” | UMH #230

Rev. Kilbourne



WELCOME TO CHRIST UMC!

Whether you are visiting today or have been with us for many years, we invite you to take a moment and mark your attendance in our pew books at the end of your row, and fill out a Connection Card also located in your pew to let us know more about yourself, a change in contact information, a prayer request, or anything else you need our office to know. Welcome gift bags are available if you are visiting today—please see an usher for yours.

Have a wonderful Sunday!

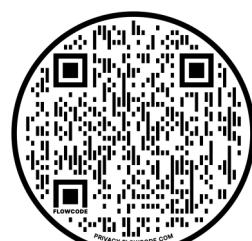


CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Kim Counts
Cindy Skaggs
Mark Grace
Sheila Morris
Jaxton King
Lois Watkins
Vicki Clair
Lindsey, niece of Nancy Counts
David Landreth
Lyn and Larry Coble
Lisa Beeler

Phyllis Denny
Mark Roberts
The Tillery family
Lisa C. Beeler (sister of Larry Beeler)
Paula Williams
Lou Watson
Patti Keck
Ashley Graham

*Names remain on our Prayer List for 4 weeks, unless requested otherwise. To add or omit a name on this list, please contact the church office, 865-922-1412 or scan the QR code here to send an email to office staff.



Pantry Needs for December: Canned beef ravioli, baked beans, & diced tomatoes