



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

Website — www.christumcknox.com

Prayer Chain — christumcpayers@gmail.com

Access Bulletins Online!

Our bulletin is emailed every Sunday to all on our mailing list, but anyone may access bulletins from previous Sundays on our website by visiting the Worship section on our homepage and selecting "digital bulletin", or you can simply click "View This Week's Bulletin" on the homepage.

UMW 2026 Mission Project

Our United Methodist Women are helping launch a "Back to School: post-Christmas edition" project by collecting boxes of Kleenex to deliver to schools after the holidays. This collection is happening now and ongoing until February 1, 2026. Consider picking up a box or two on an upcoming shopping trip, and you may drop them off any time at the UMW room or the church office. Imagine how much of a difference we can make between now and then!

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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 would like to receive weekly emails and announcements, scan the QR Code here to access the online form.



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CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 23, 2025



7535 Maynardville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37938

Phone: (865) 922-1412 | www.christumcknox.com

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

Chris Burtner

*Congregational Hymn

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

The Johnson family

...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

Rev. Mark Kilbourne

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

*Congregational Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ” | UMH #211

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

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

Matthew 3: 1-12 (NRSV)

Anthem

“Glad Tidings of Joy” | CUMC Choir;

Message

“Signs and Stories” | Rev. Kilbourne

Invitation to Holy Communion

UMH #12-13 (also on screen)

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

*Congregational Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” | UMH #230

*Benediction

Rev. Kilbourne

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.



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!

See you at the Santa Brunch this Saturday! Come and enjoy breakfast, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, activities, and prizes for all! This event is free and open to the community. Bring friends!

Join us for our annual

Santa Brunch

Sponsored by:
Christ United Methodist Church, Knoxville
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Saturday, December 13
10:00–12:00

Christ United Methodist Church
7535 Maynardville Pk.

Free breakfast, activities, raffle prizes, & photos with the Clauses!

More info: 865-922-1412

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

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.

