



Christ United Methodist Church

400 Penman Road, Neptune Beach

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Join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m., in-person or online

JANUARY 17, 2021

FINDING HOPE

Christ United Methodist

Worship Booklet

January 17, 2021

For those worshipping at home you are encouraged to find a place where you can connect with God and turn off all other distractions.

CHIMES:

PRELUDE: *"You Are My All in All"* by Carol Tornquist, Lindita Kosova, piano

WELCOME:

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this week! Wherever you are this morning, know God's presence is with you. I'm Pastor Bridget and it is wonderful to be with you as we worship together. Please remember to fill out your connect card, which you can do online or you can text connectcumc to 33777.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

PASTOR: Come joyfully before the Lord!

ALL: God knows us and loves us!

PASTOR: Come prayerfully before the Lord!

ALL: God sees our concerns, our fears, our sins!

PASTOR: Come hopefully before the Lord!

ALL: Christ proclaimed God's love and forgiveness for all God's people!

PASTOR: Know throughout all of your being, that God absolutely loves you!

ALL: How precious and powerful that knowledge is! Thanks be to God! AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: No.354 *"I Surrender All"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At Christ United Methodist Church we seek to be and make disciples of Jesus. We've committed to worship, to each reaching one person, to connecting together, and to sharing what God entrusts to us. You can join us in those things this week through:

- Pastor Carmen's Disciple II Bible Study which began last week on Mondays by conference call at 10 am or 6:30 pm. You can still catch up. It's a new study book on Luke and Acts. Contact the office or Pastor Carmen, (904) 386-8950, to sign up today.
- Pastor Bridget's Bible Study, Thursdays, 10 am by ZOOM and 6:30 p.m. in person in the Parlor. Contact the office or sign up online at the church's website, www.christumcnb.org.
- Leadership U, January 30, in Wilson Hall. Our annual leadership training will be held on Saturday Jan. 30th. Church Council members will meet in person and all others can join by Zoom. Details coming soon.
- As special treat after the worship service on Valentine's Day, a variety of homemade soups will be available to the congregation in Wilson Hall. Numerous service opportunities are available to make this a successful event. Call Shirley Van Duzer to volunteer (904) 855-7982.
- The UMW will accept any Christmas decorations or other Christmas items you may wish to donate during January. You may drop them off outside in the breeze way by the choir room Monday –Wednesday mornings.
- At this time there are no plans for a February rummage sale.
- The UMW invites everyone to this year's mission study, using the book Finding Peace in and Anxious World. The mission study uses the book of Proverbs and The Serenity Prayer as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry and fear and move towards God's peace, which surpasses all understanding. First session is Wednesday Jan 27th, 10:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall

INVOCATION: Cindy Kastner, Liturgist

Psalm 24: The earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein; ... Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to falsehood, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of his salvation.

Let us pray. Lord, we come into this holy place knowing that we have tried to have clean hands and a pure heart, and have tried to speak truth, but we may not always have succeeded. Despite our failures, we know that you still love us. We ask you to heal us of our sins and give us strength to do what is right. God, we give you thanks and praise for all you have done and are continuing to do for us, your children. In Jesus name;

AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE:

As a sign of our faithfulness to God and our connection to each other we share the Peace of Christ. In a COVID world we cannot do this by touching or getting within 6 feet of each other. But we can express peace by waving hello, by showing the peace sign✌, or any other way you can think to convey peace to your brothers and sisters here and at home.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed #888

"Affirmation from I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20"

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: **Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. AMEN.**

GLORIA PATRI:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN. AMEN.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC: The Christ Chimers

*"Ring Joyous With the Sound"
arranged by Douglas E. Wagner*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:31-33

³¹ He told another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. ³² It's the smallest of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

REFLECTION: Finding Hope

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER:

Jesus, the hope of glory, come to us now. We confess we often feel our faith is not sufficient, our hope is too small. Remind us of your words about seeds and leaven – how with you, small things can become big things. Remind us that hope, though small, and frail, is hard to kill and is pervasive in nature. And God, we ask that you use us as seeds of hope in a world that is hope-starved. Use us as small bits of leaven in a dough we sometimes think is ruined. By your grace, give to us once more the hope needed for

today, so we might have strength for the living of our days as well as the hope of a bright future with you. You are faithful and we trust in you, help us trust you more.

And God we pray for those on our circle of concern, and those we carry in our hearts today, that you would plant within them seeds of hope as well. May those seeds fall on soil that allows them to grow and bloom and spread.

And now we pray as you taught us your disciples to pray, saying,

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN.

SONG OF RESPONSE: #467 *"Trust and Obey"*

OFFERING:

With great joy we receive our morning offering today. This is a vital reminder of the many ways in which we can serve God through the ministries and mission of this church. Let us joyfully receive this morning's offering.

To donate you may mail an offering to the church, visit the church website:

www.christumcnb.org and clicking the donate button, or text "Give" to (866)731-5370.

SPOKEN DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Lord of blessings and hope, we give to you these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use these gifts for healing and hope in your world. Use us as instruments of peace; for we ask this in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

BENEDICTION:

May the grace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit go with you today so that what we have confessed here today we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives.

POSTLUDE: "He is Lord" by Carol Tornquist

Weekly Events

Sunday January 17	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School In Person & via Conf. Call In Person & Online Worship www.christumcnb.org Ramp UP Drive In Worship
	10:15 a.m.	
	6:00 p.m.	
Monday January 18	Office Closed	MLK Holiday
	10:00 a.m.	Disciple II Class
	6:30 p.m.	Disciple II Class
Tuesday January 19	10:00 a.m.	Circle One Mtg.
Wednesday January 20	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Chimers practice
Thursday January 21	10:00 a.m.	Pastor B's Bible Study—Zoom
	10:00 a.m.	Christ Quilters
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Care Mtg.
	5:00 p.m.	Knight Chess School
	6:30 p.m.	Pastor B's Bible Study—in person
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class Zoom
Sunday January 24	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	In Person & via Conf. Call In Person & Online Worship www.christumcnb.org Ramp UP Drive In Worship
	6:00 p.m.	

STAFF

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- The Administrative Assistant, Mona Ewest, is available during office hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Office is closed Fridays.
- The Church Treasurer is available by email.
- Office appointments with Pastor Bridget can be made by calling the church office, (904) 249-5370, EXT. 200.
- Any announcements are due in the office, in writing, by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- * Gigi Rice * Shana Arflin * Bruce Smith * Hewlett and Mary Ann Belisario
- * Fred & Carol Boyd * Marilyn Porterfield * Becky Chambers * David Wood
- * Debbie Santacrose * Hanna Thomas * Tamara Ellison * Jim Wetzel
- * Pat Heathouse

HOMEBOUND:

- * Bob & Nell Webster * Helen Rose * Tanya Roché * Dorothy Boutwell
- * Betty Curry * Terry & Inez Biggerstaff * Roy & Claudia Dickson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- * Family of Helen Rose, after the passing of her son, Bruce, from COVID
- * Family of Wanda Lee, after her father's recent passing
- * Johnny Tallent, ex-husband of Rosie Tallent, Stage 4 Mesothelioma
- * Shelby Delepaz, step-sister of Pastor Bridget—Cancer
- * Melanie Weisenborn, D-I-L of Paula—Health Concerns
- * Joanne Conrad, sister of Joyce Bishopp—Stage 4 Cancer
- * Simone Oleson, mother of Pastor Bridget—MS, COPD
- * Dan Carpenter, brother of Debbie Santacrose—Heart
- * Janet Gray, cousin of the Stuart's— RA, MRSA, and OA
- * Ruby Jones, cousin of Debbie Santacrose—Cancer
- * Jeanie Tombaugh, friend of Steffanie Stuart—Stage 4 Cancer

OUR WORLD AND THE COVID-19 CRISIS

- * Our Medical Personnel, Police, Firefighters, and First Responders

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR

OUR PASTOR & LEADERSHIP

- * Christ United Methodist Preschool
- * Methodist Seminary in Cuba
- * Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School (faith partner school)
- * Rev. Dr.s Cleivy and Leo Garcia, Quéssua, Angola
- * Pat and Melenda Edmiston, Wycliffe Bible Translators

SERVING OUR NATION:

- * Charles Berry — Navy
- * Seth Buswell—Coast Guard
- * Brandon Goodner, son-in-law of the Pauza's — Army
- * Whitney Heer—Navy
- * Vincent LaGrasso, nephew of Fred & Carol Boyd—Navy
- * Roger Lee Parsons, brother of Amy Knapp — Air Force
- * Jeff Ransom, son of Jim & Anne Ransom, Navy
- * Timothy Rogers, brother of Drew Rogers — Army
- * Christopher Sherrill, son of Virginia Sherrill — USAR
- * Kelly Spencer, niece of Mike and Becky Chambers—Army
- * James Wade, son of Lori Swann — Marines
- * Cameron Watson, grandson of Larry Barz—Air Force
- * Michael Weaver, grandson of Nancy Russell—Navy
- * Andrew Young, grandson of Larry Barz—USAR

