Christ UMC welcomes you as we worship God. Please fill out the Friendship Pad, located in the pews. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in Room 202. In order to give focus to our worship, please silence all electronic devices.

**Prelude**

Improvisation on IRBY

**Words of Welcome**

(please take a moment to sign the attendance pads located at the end of the pews.)

Kim Garrison

*Hymn #250* 

Once in Royal David’s City

IRBY

**Prayer** (Unison)

Bob Neben

Beloved in Christ, This Christmas Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

**First Lesson**

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

**Carol #196** 

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

**Second Lesson**

Genesis 22:15-18

**Carol**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Brass

arr. McCormick

**Third Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Carol #216**

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Quartet: Angela Michaelson, Laura Ross, John Ross, Mark Eldred

**Fourth Lesson**

Isaiah 11:1-4a
Carol #230  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
ST. LOUIS  

Fifth Lesson  
Luke 1:26-35; 38  

Carol  
Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)  
*Angela Michaelson  

Sixth Lesson  
Luke 2:1-7  

Carol #219  
What Child is This?  
GREENSLEEVES  

Seventh Lesson  
Luke 2:1-7  

Carol #24  
The First Noel (vs. 1 & 2)  
THE FIRST NOEL  

Eighth Lesson  
Matthew 2:1-11  

Carol  
March of the Three Kings  
Brass  

Ninth Lesson  
John 1:1-14  

*Carol #234  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
ADESTE FIDELES  

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer  
*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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.  

Offertory  
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen  
arr. Smith  
Jenna Smith, piano; Brian Smith, violin; Wendy & Eric Smith, trombones  

Presentation of Gifts  

*Prayer of Dedication  
Bob Neben  

*Passing of the Peace  
(Please offer one another signs of love and peace.)  

Benediction  

Postlude  
Fanfare on ANTIOCH  
by Hancock
Darlene Bohaty having surgery Monday
Merle Buell at Gramercy Hill
Ruby Gustafson at Ambassador
Alice Hickey at Eastmont
Janey Rowell at home
LoRayne Holscher at home

The **Warming Hut** is up in the Great Hall! It is already filled, and waiting for more. The Youth Group will be taking care of it, and will take the items to the People’s City Mission, Voices of Hope, or other places of need. Be sure to check your closets for warm things as we move into a time of cold weather. Blankets, coats, hats, mittens, anything **WARM**! Thank you so much!

Next year, 2016, we will again provide lunches on the 4th Thursday of the month. Please help us!! It is very easy and very rewarding to provide for the builders who work so hard for others! Please email me at tfaubel@yahoo.com or call me at 402-217-3775 to help us with this worthwhile mission.

We’re getting ready to purchase **giving envelopes**. For the year 2016, we will only order for those who request them. Contact the church office by calling 402-489-9618 or email kim.garrison@christumclinc.org. Orders will be submitted on Dec. 30, 2015.

As the new Program Director of Christ Church I feel incredibly blessed to have this opportunity. Part of my new responsibilities is to recruit volunteers to help me in the office.

Currently, we have LaGreer Randolph as our Interim Office Manager. She’s been invaluable in keeping our office going. Unfortunately, there will come a time in the near future when LaGreer will accept a position in her chosen profession. **I’m looking for volunteers** who are willing to help answer phones, greet people as they come into the office, light filing and other duties as needed. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Friday. If this is something that interests you, please call the office, 402-489-9618, or email me at kim.garrison@christumclinc.org. I look forward to working with you!  **- Kim Garrison**

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**December/January Events this Week**

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**Monday**

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**New Years Day**

Church Office Closed
Our Vision
Christ United Methodist Church seeks to celebrate and spread the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. Our mission is to welcome and nurture all who seek a relationship with God. We strive to build bridges to God through Jesus Christ.

A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
We strive to welcome all persons regardless of age, color, disability, ethnic origin, family status, gender, political beliefs, race, religion, and/or sexual orientation. We commit ourselves to maintaining an environment that is safe and affirming to all persons.

Volunteers Serving Today

Acolytes
Dec. 27 8:30 Jenna Smith  
11:00 Nicole Kenney

Greeters
Dec. 27 8:30  
11:00 Les Williams and Phyllis Mauer

Liturgists
Dec. 27 8:30 Cathy Hiemer  
11:00 Kaitlyn Michaelson

Fellowship Servers
Dec. 27 Del and Julie Williams

Van Drivers
Cliff Thelen, Ron Rockenbach  
Bob Egenberger

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