

# 9 am Worship

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**Rev. Erin Porter, Pastor**

12-03-2023

## Welcome!

Whether you're just visiting or looking for a church home, we're glad you've joined us as we gather to worship today and celebrate the life-changing work of Jesus Christ.

## New Here?

We're honored you're here. If you are new or a guest, we welcome you to join us in worship of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. After the service, please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and conversation.

## What to Expect

Casual. Formal. Quiet. Talkative. Hands raised. Heads bowed. Sitting. Standing. You'll find a little bit of everything here as we all worship in our own ways. But most of all, you'll find friendly, imperfect people who love Christ.

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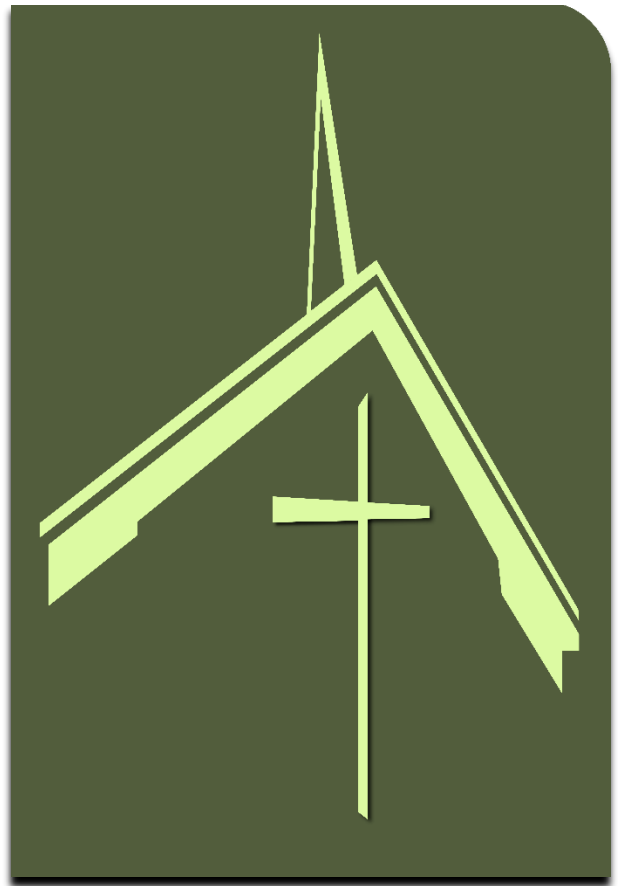
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# CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

*A Global Methodist Congregation*

*An asterisk (\*) notes that you are invited to stand.*

**9 am Worship**

December 3, 2023

Gathering

Karen Billman & Matt Rogers

Welcome & Announcements

Invitation of the Holy Spirit to be present with us

\*Call to Worship:

Pastor: "Prepare the way," the prophets call; "make ready the highways for God."

**People: How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's Kingdom of Peace!**

Pastor: Prepare your hearts, for God's realm opens up a new day.

**People: We yearn for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.**

Pastor: Prepare the way; God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.

**People: We dream of a world transformed by God's love.**

Pastor: May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.

**People: We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst!**

\*Worship in song

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

(Hymnal no. 4)

Offering

\*Doxology

(Hymnal no.621)

\*Offering Prayer:

**All: During this season of waiting and anticipation, we are reminded to stay awake for the coming of your Son. Jesus' love often comes into our lives in quiet, unexpected ways. Today, we generously respond to this compassion and commit ourselves to living in a manner worthy of your love. In anticipation of the coming of Jesus, the Savior, we pray. Amen.**

Scripture

Isaiah 11

Message:

"Is God Doing Anything While We Wait?"

Pastor Erin

Service of Holy Communion

\*Song of Response:

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verses 1-4)

(Hymnal no. 72)

\*Benediction

\*Departing Song:

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

(Hymnal no. 378)

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## Next Steps

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*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. // Romans chapter 10, verse 9*

### **Become a Christ Follower**

God loves you and has a special plan for you. But our sins – the wrong things we all have done – separate us from God, who is Holy and perfect. The penalty for sin is eternal separation from God. But Jesus Christ paid this penalty for you when He died on the cross. When you decide to trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you will be saved and have eternal life with God. *Want to know more about becoming a follower of Jesus? See Pastor Erin.*

### **Become a Member**

Being a church member is a great way to learn more about faith, Jesus, and the good news of the Gospel. *Want to know how it can happen? See Pastor Erin.*

**Need to meet with the Pastor?** Contact the church office by phone or e-mail to arrange an appointment.

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## Connect

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### **During Church**

#### **Play Time (Birth - Kindergarten)**

Got kids? Let us minister to them through active play while you are in the service. Available in the Play Room in the Lower Level after the Children's Message.

#### **Kids Church (1st - 5th Grade)**

School-agers grow in Jesus every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month with fun learning activities during the worship service. Children go to Memorial Hall after the Children's Message.

### **After Church**

#### **After Church (all ages) // end of service 'til end of Sunday School**

After the service, all are welcome to light refreshments and friendly conversation in Memorial Hall.

#### **Sunday School // 10:40 am - 11:30 am**

Dive more deeply into the things of God with sharing, reflections on life, and study after the service:

#### **Adult Study: (Adults, young and old) in Lower Level**

Studying the Bible in depth, utilizing various guides and leaders' commentaries.

#### **Kids Elementary: (pre-Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets in the Upper Room**

#### **Jr. High/High School: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade thru High School) meets in Lower Level**

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## **Grow** (\*\*\* = new event)

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*Interested in small group Bible study or prayer gathering? We have groups ready for you to join. Contact the church office by phone or e-mail for more detailed information.*

**Fellowship & Study with Shirley White // Tuesdays // 10am – 11am** Social gathering with devotional materials and refreshments. **Meets in Memorial Hall.**

**Bible Study with Pastor Erin // 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays // 1pm – 2pm** Reading and discussing selected Bible passages. **Meets in Memorial Hall.**

**Dinner & Bible Study with the Austin's // Mondays // 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. study.** "In the Footsteps of the Savior" by Max Lucado. Key teachings from the Gospels and Acts on the people and places that shaped Jesus' life. Contact Dan or Holly for more information.

**Listening Prayer // 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month // 7 pm** We meet to "be still and know" what God would like to tell us regarding our ministry at Christ Community Church. Begins with 5 minutes of silent listening for God's "still, small voice". Discussion of thoughts received follows. **Meets in Memorial Hall.**

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## Community

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**"Come As You Are" with Teri Meyers // 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday // 6pm - 7:30 pm** *Alternative worship service and potluck meal. Testimonies and recovery principles such as 12 steps to recovery. Meets in Memorial Hall.*

**Game Day in Memorial Hall // 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays // 1 pm.** *A variety of games will be played and fellowship enjoyed.*

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## Serve

**Pastor Erin is putting out a call for help with visitations.** *With all the calls on her time, she is finding it very difficult to schedule visits, even short ones, with our shut-in members. If you have a heart for conversation, either in person or over the phone, please let Pastor Erin know that you are available.*

**Nancy Kamps is putting out a call for help with preparing Communion.** Normally, Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. The bread and juice are prepared ahead of time, placed on the altar early Sunday morning, then the items are put away after the Service. There will be a rotating schedule. Let Nancy know if you are interested.

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## Give

CCGMC ministries, missions, and operating expenses are supported solely by your offerings. There are three ways to donate funds to CCGMC: cash, check, and online with TITHE.LY. Go to [www.TITHE.LY](http://www.TITHE.LY) or get the app in Google Play or the App Store. Sign up for an account and search for *Christ Community Global Methodist Church*.

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## The coming week at a glance:

**\*\* December 3rd through December 10th \*\***

**Monday: 6 p.m.—Austin Bible dinner & Bible Study at their home.**

**Tuesday: 10-11 a.m.—Fellowship and study with Shirley W. in Memorial Hall.**

**Thursday: 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir practice in Memorial Hall.**

**Saturday 10 a.m.—Decorating Gingerbread Houses in Memorial Hall. If you'd like to participate, please let Nancy Kamps know in advance.**

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## Give Thanks

**"Jesus is the Reason for the Season!" We give grateful thanks for the coming of our Savior.**

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## Support Groups

**Blessings Group** *a gathering once a month for those with special needs. Talk with Carol Barrus or Denise Cyrek for more information.*

**Fresh Hope** *a Christian peer-to-peer support group for mental health. Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Talk with Barry or Karen Gill for more information.*