

God is the gift, and the gift is an invitation to participate in God's story. We are, the church is, the body of Christ, the place where God's story of love continues, the place where God's story of love is offered to the world. God is love, so when we learn to share our gifts with the others, when we welcome the outsider—that is when we experience the very heart of God and our hearts can grow and grow.

visitors

We are glad you are here!

Find more information at the Welcome Center.

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Please follow along on the Sanctuary screen.

» Indicates standing when able

Prelude

Welcome

We connect with each other

» Entrance Hymn

We prepare to listen #234 O Come All Ye Faithful (vs. 1, 6)

Introduction

Advent Intergenerational Faith Formation Class Study

Music Ministry

Perpetual Motion - Suzuki

Pageant

"How the Grinch Found Christ in Christmas"

Hymn

#217 Away in a Manger (vs. 2,3)

Hymn

#237 Sing We Now of Christmas

Hymn

#246 Joy to the World (vs. 1 - Solo, vs. 2 - All)

Message

"Together"

Closing Hymn

We respond to God #239 Silent Night (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Closing Prayer

We go forth to learn & share

Postlude

» Indicates standing when able

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.

events & programs

altar flowers Thank you to all who generously shared poinsettias with us during this Christmas Season. Please feel free to take your poinsettia home at any time following the 11:00 p.m. service.

charge conference Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact the church office for more information.

Today

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Coming up

Holiday Office Hours

Office Closed
December 31

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

December 26 Worship

One service at 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation or
Confirmation.

January 2 Worship

One service at 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation or
Confirmation.

The Christmas Offering collected this evening will be given to the Mission Outreach Committee to support the eight local missions that CUMC normally supports and that are so important to our community. Thank you for your generosity.

The Staff of Community United Methodist Church wish you and your family A very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

People I met/am praying for

Notes

Scripture for December 26: *Psalm 148:1-6, Colossians 3:12-17*

The Whos seem to understand the profound truth of the beauty of Christmas, even though their celebration seemed noisily hidden behind trinkets and treasures. At the end of it all both the Grinch and the Whos got it right. They both sat at the same table, gave the least of these the seat of honor, and though not explicitly, revealed the timeless truth that God is with us.

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