

We Are Sent Forth

Hymn #206, "I want to walk as a Child of the Light"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Offering the Bread and Cup

Prayer

Benediction

Our God is here!

Sending us out to smooth the way of those broken by life.

Jesus our brother is here!

Taking us by the hand to lead us to bring justice to our communities.

The Holy Spirit is here!

Giving us the words of healing and hope to speak in the days to come.

Now go out there into the world.

We will go, trusting that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit wait to show us where to bring comfort, peace, and love to those who need these gifts.



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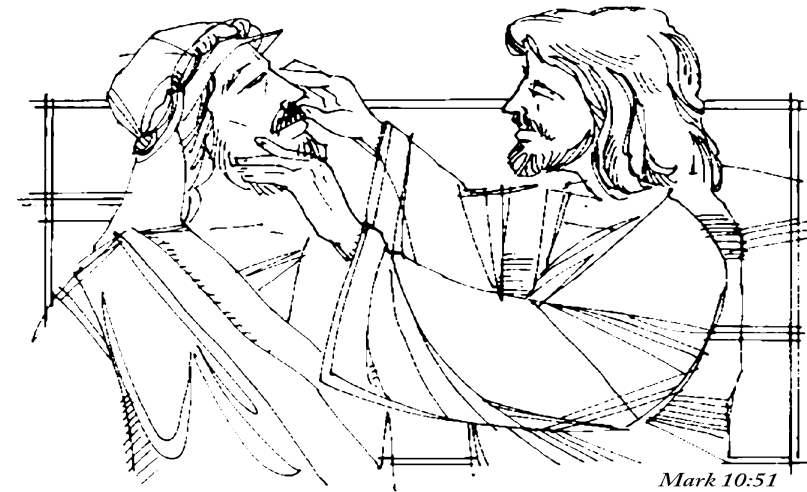
Christ United Methodist Church

301 West Main Street

Portage, Ohio 43451-0218

“What ^{do you want me}
to do for you?”

Jesus asked him.



Mark 10:51

The blind man said,

“Rabbi,
I want to see.”

Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Christ Church Vision Statement:

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Christ United Methodist Church

December 7th, 2014
2nd Sunday of Advent

We Gather for Worship

Sharing of Events & Ministries

Passing of the Peace (Greet one another with gestures of welcome)

Prelude as the Light of God enters Among Us

Call to Worship

Alyce Roller

Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

My hope for you is peace; salvation is my gift in every moment.

See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

Righteousness is the path to the kingdom; faithfulness is the highway being built for us.

Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

Prepare God's way! The Christ is coming to redeem us.

Prayer of the Day

Alyce Roller

Comfort of the ages, you come: so you can fill our empty places with your hope; so you can level our pride with your call to servanthood; so you can smooth our toughened hearts with your tenderness.

Herald of Good News: when we hunger for exaltation, you feed us with humility; when we trip over sin, you gather us up in love; when we become satisfied with our faith, you shake us with your Messenger.

Spirit of Advent: in this hectic season, give us the gift of patience; when we overflow with stress, soothe us with your serenity; when we are overwhelmed with the desire for more and more, speak to us of the needs of the outsiders.

God in Community, Holy in One, surround us with your presence, and fill us with your love.



Hymn #211,

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (1, 3, 5)

We Proclaim God's Word

Time with the Children
Advent Candle Lighting

A Messenger sent from God

Alyce Roller

Reader 1

Prepare the way! The promise is come!

People

The lion shall dwell with the lamb.

Reader 1

Prepare the way! The old with the young!

People

A child shall teach us to stand.

Reader 1

Prepare the way! Make the paths straight!

People

Earth shall fill her deep valleys!

Reader 1

Prepare the way! Break down walls of hate!

People

The Way is approaching! Servants keep watch. Soon we shall see the salvation of our God!

Hearing the Sacred Text

Mark 6:53-56 and 10:46-52

Alyce Roller

Interpretation of the Sacred Text

The Good News is Healing and Sight

Rev. McDaniel

We Respond to God's Word

Offering our Prayer

Sharing Prayers

Personal and Pastoral Prayer

Offering our Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Doxology # 95,

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

While we are waiting in this Advent season, may our gifts be used to proclaim good news to those who need it most, so that justice may come into the places of oppression, so righteousness might kiss the wounds of the most vulnerable, so hope and peace might meet in all the broken places of our world and begin to build new communities of reconciliation. Amen

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Announcements and Reminders

- The Portage Lions Club continues to collect old reading and/or prescription **EYEGLASSES** you no longer use. The eyeglasses are cleaned and given to those in need. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex, at CUMC Thank you.
- The Outreach Committee at CUMC would appreciate receiving the following **LABELS:** 1) BOX TOPS for Education 2) Campbell Soup labels 3) and any current **COUPONS** that you are not able to use.
- You are invited to bring food items for our Christ United Methodist Church, **PORTAGE FOOD PANTRY.** The Food Pantry will be open Saturday, December 13th, 2014, from 10AM-11AM. As always, THANK YOU for all your donations ☺ Thank you ahead of time for your generosity. The last day to bring in food will be Sunday, December 14, 2014.
- This year for our extravagant giving effort, Christ United Methodist Church is teaming up with the Portage Lions Club to provide **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS** for 6 families in the BG area. The Outreach Committee will provide an ornament giving tree where the ornaments are food item suggestions to purchase for the baskets. That tree is now filled with food items ornaments and is located in the back of the Fellowship hall.
- **COME TO THE STABLE,** December 11-14th, at the BG Alliance Church, 1161 Napoleon Road, in Bowling Green, Ohio. Open Thurs (5pm-9pm); Fri (10am-9pm); Sat (10am-8pm); Sun (12pm-3pm) with Worship Service on Sunday: 9am & 10:30am. Free Admission to the Stable. They are requesting donations for the BG Christian Food Pantry. For further information, please call 419-352-3623.
- **SPECIAL HOLIDAY MUSIC** will be provided by two of our much talented church members, Karen Himelhan and Kathy Bame, during church service on the following dates: December 7th, December 14th, and December 21st. THANK YOU LADIES!!
- CUMC is participating in a **COAT DRIVE** this year. Please feel free to drop off any clean and gently used coats you no longer wear, and children’s coats are especially needed. There is box in the Narthex for your donations. The coats will be delivered to the Salvation Army to be given away locally and they are willing to pay for the dry cleaning if need be. Our CUMC contact person is Doris Herringshaw.
- CUMC is also collecting **Blankets for Puppies** for the Wood Co Humane Society.

Stewardship of Time and Talents, November 30, 2014

General	\$1,201.00	Parsonage.....	\$500.00
Hospitalization.....	\$52.00	Bathroom	\$500.00
Coffee/Outreach.....	\$9.00	Christmas Poinsettias.....	\$16.00
Benevolences.....	\$65.00	Hall Use	\$500.00
Walk to Columbus	\$200.00		
Attendance: Worship – 37		Sunday school –	

Schedule of Events

Today, December 7, 2014	9:00 a.m.....	Worship
.....	10:00 a.m.....	Sunday School
Monday, December 8, 2014	9:00 a.m.....	Sermon Shaping
.....	7:00 p.m.	Lions Club
Tuesday, December 9, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Leadership Team
.....	7:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	9:00 a.m.....	Book Club
.....	7:00 p.m.	UMW Tea @ Museum
Thursday, December 11, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Fall Study Class
Friday, December 12, 2014	8:00 a.m.....	REACH (all day)
Saturday, December 13, 2014	10:00 a.m.....	Food Pantry

Participants in this morning’s Worship Service

Pastor.....	Rev Bruce McDaniel	
Organist	Linda Allen	
Pianist	Kathy Bame	
Liturgist	Alyce Roller	
Greeters: East.....	Connie & Don Mears	
North.....	Katie Boltz	

Prayer/Concerns Requests

Beverly Brandeberry	Family of Nancy Bostdorff	Mary Briggs
Joe Colen	Family of Dennis Deters	Josh Earl Dale
FryTaylor Hedrick	Family of Tom & Char Horky	Char Kelly
Karen Landries	David Lowe	Nancy Lowe
Kay Michaels	Marcia Moore	Joe Perez
Gene Pierce	Laura Rothhaar	Family of Bob Sabo
Dale Stacey	Family of Nicholas Salaz	Nancy Stehulak
Margaret Trantham	Gary Tyson	
Family of Michael Wenig	Ferguson, MO	