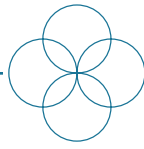


We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



January 19, 2025

Welcome

Prelude

"Soli Deo Gloria"
Chancel Choir; Steve Phillips, piano

Larry Bryant
arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Laura Petracco

Red Hymnal #229

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Clara H. Fiske Scott

Praying Together

God of justice and mercy, we acknowledge our moments of fear and silence. Like Shiphrah and Puah, we are sometimes called to stand against the powers of oppression, but we confess that too often we remain silent, choosing comfort over courage. Forgive us for the times we have turned a blind eye to injustice, when we have failed to protect the vulnerable, when we allowed fear to quiet our convictions. You have given us the example of these midwives, who risked everything. May their story remind us of the boldness You call us to embody. Restore us, O God, to the courage of our faith. Help us to speak truth to power, to resist the forces of harm, and to trust in Your presence, even in the face of great risk. We ask this in the name of Jesus who lived with this same boldness. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

"Defiant"
Talia Zoll, vocals; Max Gise, guitar

Rend Collective

Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon

Bold, Defiant and Imaginative Women

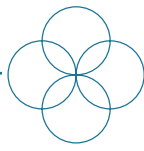
Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Black Hymnal #497

"Guide My Feet"

African American Traditional
arr. Joyce Finch Johnson

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Black Hymnal #495

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

Huber/Beecher

Benediction

Postlude

“Awesome God”
Steve Phillips

Rich Mullins
arr. Bill Wolaver

Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you can put it in the plate during the service or you can give online using this QR code:



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode
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Max Gise
Worship Coordinator

Danny Manning
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Announcements

• Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: christchurchft.org.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to: <https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



• Stewardship 2025

Thank you for being part of Christ Church! If you have already sent in your commitment card, thank you! If you haven't please do so as soon as possible or consider using this QR code.



• Brighton Center

We are collecting peanut butter in January and February. Thank you for your generosity!

• Northern Kentucky Youth

MLK Youth Service Project

Monday, Jan. 20, 1-3 p.m.

Saint Vincent de Paul, Erlanger

We have a special day of service planned to commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Join us at the Saint Vincent de Paul thrift store and food pantry in Erlanger. Don't forget to RSVP!

• Office Closed on January 20

The office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Peter Borah

Joseph Hall

Ella June Stevenson

Michele Wright

Jack McMath

Stephen & Pam Weber

• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

• Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room

We're spending a few months with Pastor Ed's new book, "Ordinary BenchMarks," available for purchase on Amazon or directly from Pastor Ed

• Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room

Studying Richard Rohr's book, *The Great Themes of Scripture: The Old Testament* to learn more about the first two thirds of the Bible

• Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)

We're studying Richard Rohr's book, *Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount*. Book available from online sellers or Pastor Ed. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

• Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Many of us grew up watching television with shows like *Star Trek* and movies like *Star Wars* and wondered what it would be like to travel into space and hang out among the stars! Join us when our guest presenter will be **Dave Traut**, docent from the Cincinnati Museum. He will be sharing the experiences of the men and women from Ohio who actually did more than dream about traveling into space, they actually went there! **Please join us!** Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the presentation at noon. **For lunch reservations contact Nancy Hunter.**

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, Susan Gabbard, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bènè and Janis, Rev. Andrew Bierkan, Mike & Laura Randall

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**We have started a new prayer list.
If you would like to add anyone on,
please contact the office: (859) 441-2565**