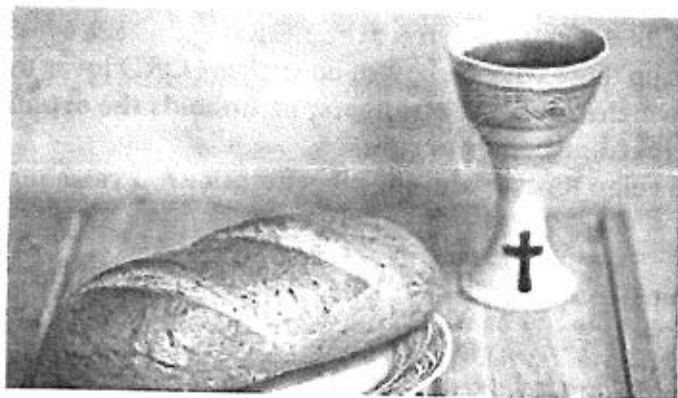


Christ United Methodist Church

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world."

Sunday Morning Worship
December 6 2015, 9:00 a.m.



Rev. Catharine A. Cummings, Pastor

271 Rocky Hill Road (Rt. 66) P.O. Box 701
Northampton, Massachusetts 01061

Telephone: (413) 584-5935
Email: ChristNorthampton@gmail.com
Web: ChristUMCNorthampton.org
Facebook: Christ Northampton

****Passing the Peace**

One: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Prayer of Illumination

"Lead Me Lord"

UMH #473

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makes me dwell in safety.

Scripture Reading

Virginia Ahart

First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Second Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #71

"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."

Preparatory Song

Christ UMC Choir

Sermon

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

Ministry of Giving

Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thanksgiving and Communion

We celebrate an open Communion Table – All are welcome at the Lord's Table

Announcements

Virginia Ahart

****Closing Hymn**

"Heralds of Christ"

UMH #567

Benediction

Postlude

Pam Kukucka

****Please stand if able**

Bold print— Congregational participation

Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome of our Guests & Members

Pam Kukucka
Joyce Monska

****Opening Hymn**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH #220

Call to Worship

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God all my life.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Many: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Many: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

One: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Many: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever and for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Opening Prayer
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Joyce Monska
Jonathan, Caitlyn, & Adrienne Cooper

Congregational Hymn

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

Prayers of the People

Rev. Catharine A. Cummings

One: Lord in your mercy—

Response: Hear our prayer.

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Together: Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us share that peace with one another.

Announcements

Annual Church Conference

Tomorrow, Monday, December 7 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary all are invited out to this worship experience with Rev. Gary Richards. The SPRC will meet with our DS, Rev. Dr. David Calhoun on **Saturday, December 12, 10:45am at South Hadley UMC.**

Interfaith Emergency Homeless Shelter

On Monday, December 14 at 6:00pm, we will meet at the Cot Shelter (43 Center St. Northampton, MA) to serve our neighbors. See Sherry Seklecki for more information.

Pledge Card Reminder

Please remember to turn in your pledge cards for 2016! Extra cards are on the usher's table. Pledge cards can be turned into the offering plate, office, or the Church's P.O. Box. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of giving this year and look forward to creating a fiscally sound budget.

Prayers for our Sick and Shut in

Helen Balcanoff	26 Teaberry Lane Easthampton, 01027
Lucille Barbour Linda Manor	349 Haydenville Rd. Leeds, 01053
Wilfred Burrows	346 Chicopee St. Willimansett, MA
Edna Couture	298 Jarvis Ave Holyoke, 01040
Martha Kellett	35 Teaberry Lane Easthampton, 01027
Dorothy Labato	65 Cherry St. Northampton, 01060
Bill & Anna Larson	214 West St. W. Hatfield, 01038
Anita Malachowski	17 Graves Ave. Northampton, 01060
Chet Seklecki	11 Hannum Brook Rd. Easthampton, 01027
Shirley Smith	2 Division St. Easthampton, 01027
Thelma Waterman	27 Paradise Dr. Easthampton, 01027

Please keep the families of Kathryn "Kay" Mantler, George Scheel, and Ruth Parsons in your prayers during this season of bereavement.

Pastor: Rev. Catharine A. Cummings
Organist: Mrs. Pam Kuckuka

Rev. Cummings is available for Pastoral emergency such as members in crisis, death, and sickness. You may contact her at the church office, (413) 314-3405 voicemail, or email ccummings5@gmail.com.