



We are delighted you have chosen Christ Church as your place to worship this morning!

If this is your first time at Christ Church, here's some information you may find helpful.

Don't worry if you can't find the songs.

We project our songs, prayers, and litanies on the screen. And if you don't want to sing, that's OK.

Children are always welcome in worship.

Our pastor is used to being around children, and she can preach through anything! However, if your child (or you!) would prefer, we have a nursery (for children up to age 3). We also have Junior Church after the children's message for children age 3 through 3rd grade.

Please fill out the Connect Card in your bulletin.

The Connect Card helps us connect with and follow-up with you. If you have prayer concerns or joys that you would like to share, please write them on the back of the card so we may pray for them in the coming weeks. Please place the completed card in the offering plate.

We welcome you today and hope you will come again!

Sermons on the Web!

If you miss worship or want to listen to a sermon again, go to www.christum-baltimore.com.

Electronic Giving

If you would like to give to Christ UMC, you may scan the QR code here.

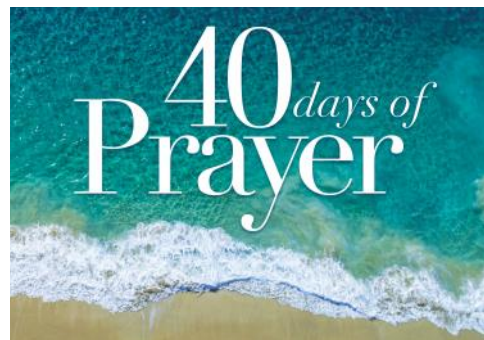
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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Ivan & Becky Ety
in honor of all the lunch team helpers who serve our seniors

JOIN US for WORSHIP & BRING a Friend!



Sept. 23 4) How to Pray Throughout Your Day

Sept. 30 5) How to Discern God's Will

Oct. 7 6) How to Pray for Healing and Restoration
World Communion Sunday

Oct. 14 7) When God Says No

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

We'd love to have you join us!

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Nursery (Light Orange Room)
Age 3 through 1st (Yellow Room)
2nd through 6th (Aqua Room)
7th through 12th (Orange Room)

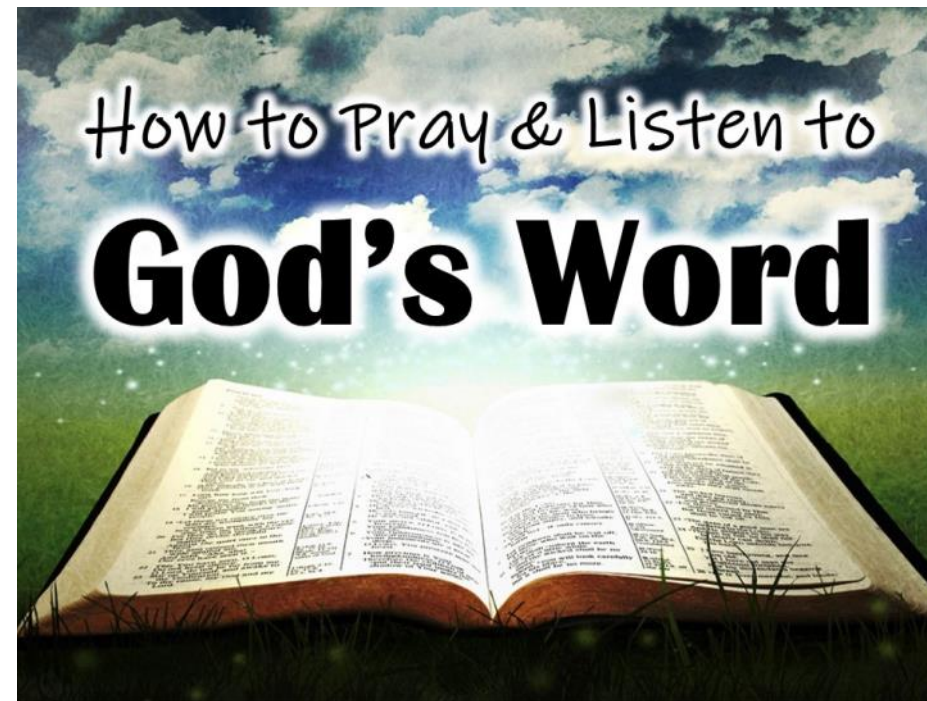
ADULTS:

Joy Class "It's Not Too Late" (Fellowship Hall)
Faith Class "Upper Room Study" (Parlor)
Young Parents "The Daniel Dilemma" (Blue Room)

Christ United Methodist Church

Our MISSION: To help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Our VISION: by CONNECTING people with GOD through WORSHIP, with the CHURCH through whole-life DISCIPLESHIP, & with the WORLD through MISSION.



September 16, 2018

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Alice Wolfe pastor@christum-baltimore.com
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Ministers: Everyone



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Welcome to Worship!

PRELUDE	“His Name is Wonderful” by A Mieir	
WELCOME		Tim Lawlis
*SONG OF PRAISE	“Thy Word”	#601
*OPENING PRAYER	<i>(Psa. 119:105, 13, 24, 11; 19:14)</i> Loving Father, your word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law! Your laws are my delight; they are my counselors. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against God. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.	
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES:		
	3rd Graders: Jake Alderdice, Parker Campbell, Lachlan Fey, Emma Helsel, & Keegan Lodge 4th Grader: Ben Helsel; 5th Grader: Campbell Reese	
CHILDREN’S MOMENTS	<i>(Children, ages 2 to 3rd grade, may go to Jr. Church.)</i>	Rita Radford
	<i>As children come forward: “Lord, Listen to Your Children” (chorus) Words on Screen</i>	
SONG OF PRAYER	“Wonderful Words of Life”	#600
MESSAGE	“How to Pray and Listen to God’s Word” <i>(Part 3 in the series, “40 Days of Prayer”)</i> <i>Psalm 119:97</i>	Pastor Alice Wolfe
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER	<i>(Words will be on the screen.)</i>	
OFFERING	<i>(All coins in the offering go to missions)</i> “Shout to the Lord” by Zachech	
RESPONSE	“Doxology”	#95
*SONG OF COMMITMENT	“Trust and Obey”	#467
*BLESSING AND SENDING OUT TO SERVE		
POSTLUDE		
	<hr/> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PIANIST: Julie Ulrich</i></p>	

* You are invited to stand if able

All hymns & praise songs are covered under CCLI # 745791

Notes from the Message:

Centering Prayer:

A method of prayer in which we rest in God’s presence and move beyond conversation to communion with God.

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading):

1. **Read (Lectio):** Read the Scripture repeatedly—with an ear to your heart. What phrase/word stands out to you?
2. **Reflect (Meditatio):** Meditate on (relish) the words. Be attentive to what speaks to your heart.
3. **Respond (Oratio):** Respond (e.g. with a prayer of praise, thanksgiving, confession, or request) as you continue to listen to the phrase/word and repeat it in your heart.
4. **Rest in God (Contemplatio):** Simply “be with” God as you open yourself to a deeper hearing of God’s Word. Follow the lead of the Spirit.

(From ContemplativeOutreach.org. Download detailed brochure at www.contemplativeoutreach.org/sites/default/files/documents/lectio_divina.pdf)

Make it REAL!

How can YOU make God’s Word REAL in YOUR life?

1. God loves you & wants to be with you forever! If you want God to adopt you as his child pray: “Jesus, I believe you died on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world, and I believe you rose from the dead. Please forgive me for all my sins [confess your sins to God]... I surrender my life to you, and I want you to be my Lord. Fill me with your Holy Spirit & help me love & follow you every day. Amen.”
2. **Memorize:** Psalm 119:97.
3. **Pray daily:** Lord, revive my heart. Revive my small group. Revive my church family.
4. **Each day this week,** use the *Lectio Divina* (above) to help you pray and listen to God’s Word in your life.

Transformational Journal

God loves and longs to spend time with you! We encourage you to set aside time each day and find a quiet place where you can spend time with God, meditate on and pray God’s Word, and let God transform you to be more like Christ!

- (1) *Before you begin, pray, “God, reveal yourself to me in your Word. How do you want me to live your Word today?”*
- (2) *Read and meditate on the Bible verses at least several times.*
- (3) *Ask these questions:*

1. What did you hear?

2. What do you think?

3. What is your prayer?

Sunday: Psalm 119:97; Mat. 6:9-13

Monday: Ephesians 3:17-19

Tuesday: Psalm 107:15

Wednesday: Romans 8:28

Thursday: Romans 12:1

Friday: Mark 14:36

Saturday: Matthew 6:34

MEMORY VERSE:

**Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.**

(Psalm 119:97, NIV)