ORDER OF WORSHIP
Christ Fellowship Church
November 29, 2026 | 9:00 AM

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Agnus Dei" Mrs. Cindy McClelland
ASCAP ISWC T0702565998

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mr. Gary Daum

ADVENT READING Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kraft



First Sunday in Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgy

LEADER: This is the first Sunday in Advent, when we remember God's promise through the prophets concerning the coming Messiah

PEOPLE: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the clans of Judah, yet out of you will come forth to me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from everlasting… He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. (*Mic. 5:2,4*)

LEADER: How eagerly we long for him. As the prophet Isaiah said:

PEOPLE: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when the fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, Who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?" (*Isaiah 64:1-5*)

LEADER: What wretched people we are! Who will rescue us from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord. We light this candle as a sign of all God's promises fulfilled in Christ (*Romans 7:24-25*)

ALL SINGING: **"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"** Red#196
(*Lighting of the first Advent Candle*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL): "Glorious and faithful God, full of mercy, love and justice, we praise you for sending your True Word to save us, Jesus the Messiah and Son of God. Thank you for all your promises, which are "Yes! and Amen!" in him! Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

*PRAISE & WORSHIP	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" CCLI# 31999 (Red #196) "The First Noel" CCLI# 31047 (Red #245)	
*OPENING PRAYER		Mr. Gary Daum
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Isaiah 49:5-10	Mr. Gary Daum
OFFERING	The Ushers will be around to collect the offering or you may give online or by scanning the QR code.	
OFFERTORY	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" ASCAP ISWC T912411027	Mrs. Cindy McClelland
*DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION	"Doxology"	Red #95
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Mrs. Julie Saunders
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Galatians 4:3-7	Mr. Gary Daum
*HYMN	"Savior of the Nations, Come" CCLI# 7185193 (Red #214)	
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 1:26-38	Mr. Gary Daum
MESSAGE	"The Awesome Mystery: God Came Down to Earth"	Dr. Fisher
*HYMN	"Tell Out My Soul" CCLI# 27051 (Red #200)	
PRAYER AT THE ALTAR		
*BENEDICTION		
GREETING ONE ANOTHER		
POSTLUDE		

Message: Rev. Dr. Christopher Fisher
Liturgist: Mr. Gary Daum
Acolyte: Mrs. Julie Saunders
Greeters/Ushers: Mr. Jeff Berger & Mr. Al Machamer
Media Team: Stacey Lehman & Crew
Pianist/Organist: Mrs. Cindy McClelland
Nursery: Mrs. Kristy Kraft & Mrs. Eileen Helwig
Prayer Team: Rev. & Mrs. Lisi Fisher, Mrs. Suzie Rudiman, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Dros, Mrs. JoAnn Daum

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Highlighted Announcements

1. Thank you to this week's Prayer Warrior(s): Ms. Ruth Noecker
2. Everyone is invited to join a special Coffee House Service on Sunday, December 6th for a Potluck lunch and a game or 2 of Trivia. See the back of the bulletin for more details.
3. This is the last week to order poinsettias; please have all orders into the office by Thursday. Thank you.

Saturday Evening Service

November 28	John Fatora
December 5	Pastor Christmas
December 12	Doug O'Connell
December 19	Gary Daum

This is our Church QR code. If you would like to give online, please scan. You can sign-up to give online through our Servant Keeper giving platform, or on the website as well:
https://giving.servantkeeper.com/firstumcsh

Announcements

1. Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God
2. Useful and interesting finance Information:
   October 2026 Year to Date (YTD) Monthly Financial Update:
   Total Expenses: $487,333
   Total Giving: $447,961
   (Note: Total giving includes Morgan Stanley disbursement of $66,509)
   YTD Deficit: ($39,372)
3. With Marcy being away from her Sexton position due to health reasons, SPRC is asking that all groups using the church building to set up, put away, and tidy up the area that you use when gathering and before leaving. Thank you.
4. Special All-Church Fellowship Event – The Discipleship council will be hosting a Trivia & Pot-Luck lunch. Please bring a favorite crock-pot of soup/stew, sandwiches, snacks or dessert to share and play a game or two of trivia. Sunday, December 6th @ 10:45 AM. All are invited to attend.
5. Administrative Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 5th 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Welcome UMC-Landingville. Lunch will be provided.
6. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Methodist Women Thank/Harvest Home Offering - $476 was given to the Vineyard, plus many foodstuffs. Thank you, all.
7. All Church Ladies Tea All ladies of the church are invited to Kathy McCaw's home on Saturday, December 12 from 1:00-3:00 PM for an afternoon of tea and fellowship. Please see Kathy for directions or more information.

This Week at CFC

November 29

9:00 AM	Worship
10:45 AM	Coffeehouse Worship & Sunday School

November 30

December 1

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
6:00 PM	Mom's Group
8:00 PM	AA

December 2

6:00 PM	Prayer
7:00 PM	Choir

December 3

December 4

December 5

9:00 AM-3:00 PM	Ad Board Retreat
6:00 PM	Worship

December 6

9:00 AM	Worship
10:45 AM	Coffeehouse Worship & Sunday School

For a complete list of Small Groups, please see the Bulletin Board in the hallway.