

**PRAYER NEEDS**

**—Our Church Family—**

Carmen Johns | Pat Ferguson | Kristy Johns | Caroline Galphin | Jane Mezza | John & Sharon Nunn |  
Brian Walker | Dan Long | Barbara Edwards | Don Ames | Teddy Broeker

**—Homebound—**

Mae Jones | Helen Rose | Tanya Roche | Fred Boyd | Jerry Ferguson

**—Our Pastor—**

Rev. Eric Williams

**—Monthly Mission Highlight—**

The Methodist Church of Cuba

**—Our Community, Nation and World Leaders—**

Medical Personnel | Police | Firefighters | First Responders | Military Members

**—Our Family Members Serving our Nation—**

Seth Buswell—Coast Guard  
Brandon Goodner, son-in-law of the Pauza’s—Army  
Vincent LaGrasso, nephew of Fred Boyd—Navy  
Jeff Ransom, son of Jim & Anne Ransom—Navy  
Christopher Sherrill, son of Virginia Sherrill—USAR  
Kelly Spencer, niece of Mike and Becky Chambers—Army  
Max & Dani Weaver, grandson of Nancy Russell and his wife —Navy  
C.J. Manley, nephew of Christina Schwartz—Navy  
Austin Canos, grandson of Jim Stutz—Coast Guard  
Kody Priest, grandson of Tom Blair—Space Force

**CHRIST**  
United Methodist Church

**PASTOR, Rev. Eric Williams**

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**FAITH**

# Order of Worship

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE:** “Lord, I Want To Be A Christian” played by Carmen Johns

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** “I Sing Praises To Your Name” sung by Choir

**WELCOME:** Rev. Eric Williams

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Liturgist, Jim Schrader

**INVOCATION**

\* **OPENING HYMN:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn #400

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

\* **GLORIA PATRI**

\* **PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMNS OF ILLUMINATION:** “Spirit Song” Hymn #347, and “More Like You” Hymn #2167 in [The Faith We Sing](#)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** James 3:1-12 (NRSV)

**SERMON:** “Restoring Faith...From Gossip” Rev. Eric Williams

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM:** “From Generation to Generation” sung by the Choir

\* **DOXOLOGY**

\* **CLOSING HYMN:** “Take My Life and Let It Be” Hymn #399

\* **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee” played by Carmen Johns

# Announcements

**Welcome!** I We are so glad you’re here. If you are looking for a church home, or just looking for a community to walk alongside you on your journey, look no further! Stop by the Information Table in the narthex so we can say hello!

**Children I** While children of all ages are always welcome in our worship service, we offer childcare for infants through age 3. (Exit the sanctuary doors, the nursery is the first room on the right.)

**Give Now through Realm I** Your gifts support incredible ministries all over Northeast Florida! Online giving is easy with Realm. Visit [www.onrealm.org/christumc/give/now](http://www.onrealm.org/christumc/give/now) or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera and follow the link.



**Register to Attend VBS I** Vacation Bible School will take place June 23–27 from 6 to 8pm. This year’s theme, Maker Fun Factory, will bring fresh, exciting experiences for families to enjoy together! Register your family using the QR code below, or on our website at [Christumcnb.org](http://Christumcnb.org)



**End of School Celebration – May 24 I** Kick off Summer with us at our End-of-School Celebration on Saturday, May 24, from 11am - 1pm! Join us for an afternoon of fun with BBQ, a bounce house, games, and possibly some water activities—so come ready to get a little wet! It’s a great way to celebrate the end of the school year with family, friends, and community. All are welcome!

**2024 Apportionments I** Thanks to your generosity we fully paid our 2024 allocated apportionments. Our apportionments help fund the mission and world-wide ministries of the United Methodist Church. They are another way that we express God’s love to the poor, the sick, the hungry and the lonely.

## This Week at Christ UMC

**Monday, May 19**  
5:30pm PossAbilities Plus  
7pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday, May 20**  
8am Lifeline Screening

**Wednesday, May 21**  
10am Preschool Chapel  
5:30pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 22**  
10am Christ Quilters  
10am Preschool Singing

**Saturday, May 24**  
11am End of School Celebration!

**Sunday, May 25**  
9am Heavenly Hash (Adult Bible Study)  
10:15am Worship Service in Person + online  
10:30am Adventure Kids  
11:15am Fellowship in Wilson Hall

**UWF Mission Study Postponed I** Although the United Women in Faith mission study has been postponed, all ladies are warmly invited to attend the Unit Meeting on Wednesday, May 28 at 10am in Wilson Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, and all ladies of the church are welcome. We hope you’ll join us!

**Book Club Meets May 29 I** Our monthly book club continues to explore powerful stories that inspire meaningful discussion. Whether you’ve been attending for years or are brand new, all are welcome—even if you haven’t finished the book! May 29: Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan Set in a small Irish town just before Christmas, this quiet but powerful novella explores themes of conscience, courage, and the moral cost of doing what’s right—especially when it isn’t easy. Join us at 1pm on the fourth Thursday of every month!