
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning! Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to the person seated next to you.

Have a prayer request? Interested in getting more involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information?

Please use a Community Connection card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

Worshipping with young children? Worship is for all ages, but should your child become restless, there is child-care for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship books with Bible stories, crayons, and pencils are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: Mike Bassett

Crucifer: John Lowe

Advent candle: Steve & Sara Hopkins

Communion preparation: Mary Jean Paschen, Connie Boesen, Ann Beneke

Communion servers: Ann Beneke, Mary Booth, Laura Covill, Roger Dahl, John Fisher, Ray Getting, Bill Green, Kathy Haines, Mike Hamilton, Shaunna Maxwell, Susan Voss

Audio: Marvin Minor

Hosts: John Fisher, Mark & Barb Schmidt, Ashley Sloterdijk

Driver: Marvin Minor

Deacons Flower Delivery: Miguel Vargas

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary are given by Lyn Elsberry and Becky Jackovich in memory of their father, Stan Jackovich, whose birthday was December 3.

Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. Be sure to silence all cell phones.

Please join us for Fellowship Time: 11:15 AM, in the East Parlor. Hosts: Susan Voss & Bruce Heston

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Calling
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

J. S. Bach
Jonathan Reuss

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

Behind the corridors of space,
before the world began,
beyond all understanding—

God was.

Fathering time,
mothering creation,
parenting all people—

God is.

Waiting for the right moment,
preparing the right way,
intending the right woman—

God will be.

♦ HYMN 93

TRURO

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Iona Community

Bright star-maker God—
Travel with us through Advent.
Shine into our dark corners.
Lead us into ways of justice.
Warm us with joy and wonder.
Bring us to new birth. Amen.

CANTICLE 90

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord

The canticle will be played first on the organ,
then sung twice by all.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

GREETING

From the One who was, who is, and who is to come:
Grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sheryl Puderbaugh

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 33:14-16
OT, p. 696

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Chancel Choir
Craig Courtney

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 21:25-36
NT, p. 74

SERMON

Moving On, Moving In

Wallace W. Bubar

♦ HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
verses 1, 2, 6, and 7

VENI EMMANUEL

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O giver of hope:
Hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EUCHARIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus 562

Schubert

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you serve your neighbor, you may say:

The bread of life.

The cup of the new covenant.

Please hold the bread until everyone has received and partake simultaneously; drink the cup when served.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the Narthex.

PRAYER

SENDING

◆ HYMN 82

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

Worship Next Week: The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 9, 10:15 AM

Children's Christmas Pageant: *Light of the World*

Upcoming Events

December Adult Education Class: *Light in Dark Corners*

Sundays, December 2, 9 & 16, 9:00 AM, Room 201

Christmas is a season of joy and celebration. Everywhere we turn, we meet cheerful greetings and happy faces. But sometimes Christmas only emphasizes our personal sadness or grief. These are times to admit our yearning for consolation. Sheryl Puderbaugh, Central's seminary intern, will lead our discussion about feelings of loss, depression, anxiety and other emotions that keep us from fully experiencing the joy of Christmas. We will discover Scriptures that bring hope and comfort to all, while sharing words of encouragement in order that we may find light in the midst of dark corners and experience the light, joy and hope of God.

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 AM

Preschool (ages 3–4)	Room 102
Kindergarten–1st grade	Room 101
2nd–4th grade	Room 2
5th–7th grade	Room 206

Advent starts a new year in the church cycle of Bible readings for kids and adults. While many stories over the next year will come from the Gospel of Luke, for the Sundays of Advent, the children will hear from Paul and some Old Testament Prophets. Even though some of these are not commonly associated with Advent, they all have a prophetic voice that calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Donations for Poinsettias and Holiday Decorations

Your contribution to the holiday decoration fund will help us purchase:

- Outdoor Christmas planters
- Poinsettias (December 16–30)
- Fresh greenery and floral arrangements on the reredos (December 16, 23 & 24)

Order forms are available in the Narthex, 39th Street Lobby, and church office. Please complete and return with payment in the offering plate or to the office by Monday, December 10.

Deacons Angel Tree

Join in our annual gifts to Calvin Community senior residents. The Angel Tree will be in the East Parlor. Each tag on the tree represents a gift for someone in the health care units at Calvin Community. Here is a reminder of the directions to participate:

1. Take an angel tag(s) from the tree.
2. Sign your name, telephone number and email to the corresponding tag number on the clipboard list.
3. Purchase a sweatshirt or sweater with a front zipper or buttons for appropriate size and gender as on angel tag(s).
4. You can add more gifts, i.e., socks, t-shirts and other items if appropriate for older adults.
5. Please giftwrap and **attach angel tag to package**.
6. Return gift(s) to the church by December 6, 2018, and check your name off the clip board list. *Thank you!*

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 112

The group is using the *Horizons* Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*.

LOGOS Programs for Children & Youth

Wednesdays, Season of Service and Games

For this month, our high schooler's service projects will include shopping for the Deacon's Angel Tree project and wrapping those gifts. Our younger children, from Kindergarten to 7th grade, will embark on a different kind of service project: They will continue working on this year's Christmas Pageant, taking place during worship on December 9. *Light of the World*, through narration, drama and song, shares how Jesus came to the light of the world over 2,000 years ago. It will be their way of showing service to our church community and sharing the light of Christ this Advent season. For more information or to volunteer, contact Christian Education Director Greg Halterman, at 515-279-3658 or ghalterman@dmcpc.org.

Grades K-4: 5:00-7:00 PM

Grades 5-7: 6:00-8:00 PM

Grades 8-12: 6:30-8:00 PM

December 2, 11:30 AM *Light of the World* Rehearsal & pizza lunch

December 8, 9:00–11:00 AM *Light of the World* Rehearsal

December 9, 10:15 AM, Musical Pageant: *Light of the World*

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 PM, Cownie Chapel

Come and join with us in sharing scripture, prayers and music as we celebrate God's Christmas presence with us, even if we are mourning, struggling or experiencing sadness. We will celebrate the God, who came to earth as a baby in a humble stable, and will "bear our griefs and carry our sorrows." (Isaiah 53:4-6) Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 14, 2018, 5:30 PM

The Board of Deacons and the Worship Committee are bringing an old tradition of Christmas caroling back to Central! Meet at the church to carpool. All ages are welcome to join in as we carol for our members who are homebound and in retirement homes. If you have suggestions for who should receive a visit by the carolers, please give the church staff the names and locations. The evening will end with holiday treats and fun.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first celebrated at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve, 1918. The nine Scripture lessons are those traditionally used at the festival and move from the season of Advent into Christmastide with carols and hymns accompanying each lesson. A reception will follow in East Parlor.

Nomination Forms Available

Please submit the names of Central Presbyterian Church members (please include yourself if you are interested) that you feel should be considered by the Nominating Committee for Board of Deacons, Ruling Elder, Foundation Board, and the Nominating Committee. Forms are available in the literature racks and church office or email your suggestions to the office, segge@dmcp.org.

Youth Ski Trip

Saturday–Sunday, January 19–20, 2019, Afton Alps, MN

Middle school, senior high and parents are invited. What is great about Afton Alps is that it has terrain for all levels of skiers with bunny slopes for the beginner and double diamonds for the more advanced. Cost is \$180 per person and includes two meals, lodging, transportation, lift tickets and ski rentals. Like last year we will rent a van (or two) and leave early Saturday morning on the 19th and return late on the 20th. Parents can make reservations now by contacting Director of Christian Education Greg Halterman, at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or call the church office at 515-279-3658.



170 YEARS

*Honoring the Past,
Serving the Present*

Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

Received: \$420,255

Participation (households)

Goal: 170

Received: 114

New pledges

Goal: 14

Received: 6

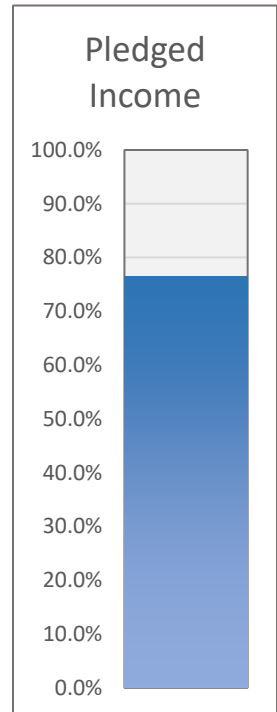
\$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

Received: 45

As of Tuesday, November 27, 2018

*Pledge cards are available in the Narthex,
East Parlor, 39th Street Lobby or Office.*



This Week at Central

Sunday, December 2

- 9:00 AM Advent Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 9:30 AM Souper Supper Committee (Conference Room)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Christmas Pageant Lunch & Rehearsal

Monday, December 3

- 4:30 PM Worship Committee (Room 112)

Tuesday, December 4

- 5:00 PM Power Read (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (Room 112)

Wednesday, December 5

- 8:30 AM Holiday Market Committee (Room 112)
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- Wednesday LOGOS
 - Grades K–4: 5:00–7:00 PM
 - Grades 5–7: 6:00–8:00 PM
 - Grades 8–12: 6:30–8:00 PM
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 112)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, December 6

- 7:00 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 112)
- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns (Conference Room)

Friday, December 7

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 9

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 10:15 AM Worship: Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 5:00 PM Blue Christmas Service (Cownie Chapel)

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Mission Statement

We strive to be a Christian congregation dedicated to a strong tradition of worship, committed to spiritual inquiry and growth, caring for one another and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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