

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: WORD AND SACRAMENT  
December 1, 2019, First Sunday of Advent



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC                      Christian Imboden, guitar

RINGING OF THE BELL

Lynne Rea

OPENING VOLUNTARY                      *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Christian Imboden, guitar

French Carol  
arr. C. Imboden

*(As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Patchett

† ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*The world says, "All is lost."*

**God says, "All is loved."**

*The darkness says, "The light is dying."*

**The light says, "The fire is catching."**

*Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."*

**Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."**

*As we light our first Advent candle,  
we pray for holy hope of God.*

*Come now, O Child of Mary.*

**Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

As the tower bell rings,  
may it call out to the  
city and the world that  
Central Presbyterian  
Church is worshipping  
God.

Please join in reading  
or singing those parts  
of the service printed in  
**bold.**

† When this  
symbol precedes an  
element of the service,  
please rise in body or  
spirit.

† HYMN No. 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

## For the Younger ones among us:

What really is peace? Can you describe it? Peace can be defined as a time of harmony, calm, or quiet. What gives you peace? Can you give peace to others? Today, we will read in the Bible about where our peace really comes from...Jesus! We are in a new season of the church called Advent, and it is a time where we are waiting for Jesus' birth. In the Bible we have peace because of Jesus. This week, remember to take time to pray and thank Jesus for Peace.

### Welcome Visitors:

Central is a community in which you can learn and teach, care and be cared for, love and be loved. You have a place here among this community of faith.

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## † CALL TO CONFESSION

Kate Colussy-Estes

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope, We often feel hopeless. We see our neighbors' challenges and struggle with our political life. We have hurt our families and friends. We find others impossible to love. We ignore cries for help from the marginalized, from those who still confront sword and spear. In the darkest days of the year, you offer us gifts of peace and hope and still. Still, our nations prepare for war. Forgive us, when we have lost our way, and show us yours. Teach us your truth, and help us to be alert for signs of grace in our midst. Teach us ways of peace and reconciliation so we might be able to keep your word and way, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.*

## † RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Stanza 1*

HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Page 644, OT, Pew Bible

#### SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Page 147, NT, Pew Bible

#### SERMON

*Seeds of Hope*

Mark Ramsey

### SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

## † HYMN NO. 352

*My Lord! What a Morning*

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Belhar Confession*)

Lauren Scott

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew and pass it along.)*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*Keep Your Lamps!*  
Chancel Choir

African-American Spiritual  
arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

## † AT THE PRESENTATION

*Advent Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

All praise, eternal Christ, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free;  
Once more upon thy people shine; and fill the world with love divine. Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 God thanks and praise. . .**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers. If you wish to be served in your pew, please indicate your desire to an usher.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Andrew Carter

(See text at Hymn No. 88, Stanzas 1, 2, 6, 3)

*Hymn No. 92: While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## † HYMN NO. 348

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 384, Stanza 4: Soon and Very Soon*

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (x3)**

SOON AND VERY SOON

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Alan Ridout

During the offering, take a moment to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

### **Christmas Flowers:**

Each year, Central offers you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one through a gift to the Flower Fund. During the Advent and Christmas season, the arrangements in the sanctuary will add a visual reminder of the beauty and spirit of the season. A portion of your gift will also be used throughout the coming year continuing to bring joy and beauty to our worship services. Your name along with the ones you wish to honor/memorize will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22. The deadline for submitting your payment/names is Tuesday, December 17.

**Advent Devotional** will be available daily via email. There will be a limited number of printed copies.

**Advent wreath event:** Join us today immediately after worship in Tull hall to make a fresh wreath to grace your table at home for you and your family to observe Advent together. Contributions toward the cost of supplies and especially of greenery are deeply appreciated.

## This week at Central Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, December 1

- 12:00 p.m. Advent Wreath Making
- 12:00 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
- 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
- 12:30 p.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

### Monday, December 2

- 6:00 p.m. November/December Session Meeting

### Tuesday, December 3

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. UKirk College Ministries
- 7:00 p.m. Silent Night Taizé Worship Service  
(anointing with oil)  
*Rand Chapel*

### Wednesday, December 4

- 5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, December 5

- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, December 6

*No scheduled events.*

### Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Reforming Arts Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 8

- 8:45 a.m. Courtyard Hospitality
- 9:00 a.m. Nazareth Choir
- 9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Bells Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Jessica Patchett, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Council of Ministries Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Global Mission Committee Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. CPC Task Force for  
Dismantling Racism
- 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
- 12:30 p.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal
- 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

## Central Presbyterian Church

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Kate Colussy-Estes	Temporary Associate Pastor
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Jennifer Sengin	Interim Choral Director
Vicki Fey	Organist
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Christian Antwi	Dir. Ministries for Children, Youth, and their Families
Lauren Scott	Children and Youth Coordinator
Emmanuel Amponsah	OAC Seminary Intern
Hannah Trawick	Pastoral Intern
Martin Carver	GSU UKirk Intern

Members in preparation for ordination  
as Ministers of word and sacrament: Erin Burt

## Worship Notes and Announcements

Our liturgists today: Jessica Patchett • Kate Colussy-Estes • Lauren Scott

Lector of the Day: Brady Lum

Ushers: Beth Grashof (captain) • Brian Bishop • Kevin Byers Lee Ebeling  
Ben Evans • Jeff Figueroa • Em McNair • Keith Pascoe

Choir Guild: Kathy Kohn

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[www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org)

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### We Thank All Who Contributed to the Advent Star mobile!

The Origami star mobile was conceived and designed by Avery West. The frame was constructed by Steve Bacon, and the hanging system was created by John White. The stars were folded and strung by the following list of people: Emma Adams, Edna Bacon, Steve Bacon, Maria Baez, Tom Banyai, Becky Battle, Tricia Berrett, Mark Borst, Lydia Catterall, Marcia Catterall, Vicki Collier, Lily de LaRue, Nadia de LaRue, Rick DeFeo, Jan DeLong, Eulalie Drury, Kathleen Engstrom, David Enniss, Jeff Figueroa, Jacob Haythorn, Martha Haythorn, Ginger Heidbreder, Russell Heidbreder, Ann Hunter, Berta Irwin, Jim Irwin, Jean Ellen Jones, Jean Kinser, Judy Kisla, Linda Massengill, Linda McCord, Sandra McDonald, Pam Melville, Alan Merrill, Lynn Merrill, Julie Moore, Maxine Moore, Miriam Moore-Keish, Kemie Nix, Lamar Oglesby, Frances Padgett, Shelley Parnes, Michelle Partridge, Lisa Pittman, Nicholas Pittman, Carolyn Riordan, Betti Rosszer, Emil Runge, Emily Sciarone, Linda Clawsen Smith, Harry Suazo, Elizabeth Sudduth, Carolyn Thorsen, Anna George Traynham, Dave VanderMeer, Will Vander Pols, Avery West, Jennifer West, Robert West, Alicia Wilson, Catherine Wilson, Patsy Wilson, and Bob Zakem. If we have omitted a name from this large group of "star" folders, we apologize. Please let us know.

### Rev. Mark Ramsey

Rev. Mark Ramsey is Executive Director of The Ministry Collaborative and a clergy affiliate member of Central. He most recently served in congregational ministry as the Senior Pastor of the 2,200 member Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. He moved to Texas after nine years at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, NC. He has also served churches in the Chicago area, Denver, Michigan and the Washington D.C. area. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A special passion right now is working with a group of scholars and pastors, funded by the Louisville Institute, on the challenges of race, church, and theological practice.

### Upcoming Advent Events:

#### Sundays in December

- 9:45 a.m. Advent Bible Study (*Brotherhood Room*)

#### Sunday, December 1

- 11:00 a.m. First Sunday of Advent Worship - *Hope*
- 12:00 p.m. Advent Wreath Making (*Tull Hall*)

#### Tuesday, December 3

- 7:00 p.m. Silent Night Taizé (*Rand Chapel*)

#### Sunday, December 8

- 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent Worship - *Peace*

#### Sunday, December 15

- 11:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent Worship with Lessons and Carols - *Joy*  
Chancel Choir, brass, percussion, and organ present  
Michael Trotta's *Gloria* in worship

#### Sunday, December 22

- 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship - *Love*

#### Tuesday, December 24

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant, candlelight and communion