

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
December 8, 2019, Second Sunday of Advent



O Root by  
Sister Ansgar Holmberg

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Fiona Moore-Keish, clarinet & Steve Fey, piano

RINGING OF THE BELL

Tricia Berrett

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Hark! The Glad Sound*  
Youth Bells; Steve Fey, director

arr. Susan Geschke

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Patchett

† ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Rachael, Dan, Gabby, and Beth Szymanski

*A voice cries out in the wilderness*  
**“Prepare the way of the Lord.”**  
*A choir sings in the silence,*  
**“Come, Emmanuel.”**  
*Every valley shall be filled.*  
**Every heart shall be made whole.**  
*For peace will quiet the turmoil,*  
**and love win over all.**

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.

**For the Younger ones among us:**  
 In the space on this bulletin, draw a picture of your family. Everyone's family is different. Think about each person one by one. What makes each person unique? What do they do well? What do they worry about? What makes you special in this family? Families bring both things that make us happy and things that are hard for us to understand. This week, when your family makes you happy, take time to thank God for your family. And, when something happens in your family that is hard to understand, ask God and someone you trust to help you. In both times, God will love you and care for you.

**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.

† HYMN NO. 106

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Christian Antwi

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To the God that listens, we are often silent in our distress. Your promise to always hear us gets lost in our doubts and need to be in control. We find ourselves constantly needing your grace but feeling too ashamed, embarrassed or disappointed to come to you. We ask that you forgive us, and soften our hearts to your loving-kindness. Help our voices sing loudly your praises and continue to hold us in your comforting arms. During this time of waiting, still our spirit so that we may truly accept your grace and peace.

*(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 88, Stanza 7: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**A TIME WITH CHILDREN/SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Presentation

Vows

† Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Traditional), Page 35 of Hymnal

Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptizing

Blessing

Penny Lines, daughter of  
 Rand and Katherine Lines

HYMN NO. 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-9

Page 654, OT, Pew Bible

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:1-16

Page 1, NT, Pew Bible

SERMON

*Peace*

Jessica Patchett

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

† HYMN NO. 378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

MERLE'S TUNE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kate Colussy-Estes

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.

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *I Will Be a Child of Peace* Chancel Choir

Traditional Shaker Hymn  
arr. Elaine Hagenberg

O God Creator I will be a child of peace and purity.  
For well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

## † 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.

## † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## † HYMN No. 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1, 2, 6)*

VENI EMMANUEL

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 113, Refrain: Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

David Cherwien

## About the offertory

**music:** Elaine Hagenberg is growing to be one of the most performed composers of choral works in schools and churches. This work was written for the 2010 Orange County Society Opus Choral Composition Competition, which won second place.

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.

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



## This week at Central Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, December 8

- 12:00 p.m. Associate Pastor Nominating Committee  
*Library*
- 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- 12:15 p.m. Council of Ministries Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Global Mission Committee Meeting
- 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

### Monday, December 9

- 11:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle Christmas Luncheon
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, December 10

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. OAC Board Meeting

### Wednesday, December 11

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

### Thursday, December 12

- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, December 13

*No scheduled events.*

### Saturday, December 14

- 10:30 p.m. Dress Rehearsal with Choir and Instruments
- 2:00 p.m. Deacon's Tea  
*CTS President's Home*

### Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Handbells
- 9:15 a.m. New members meet with session
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Alternative Gift Sale
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Lessons and Carols - featuring  
Michael John Trotta's *Gloria*
- 12:00 p.m. Associate Pastor Nominating Committee  
*Library*
- 12:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party  
*Rentz-Baker home*

### 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/memorialize will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22. The deadline for submitting your payment/names is Tuesday, December 17.

## Annual Christmas Breakfast for Shelter Guests

### Christmas Morning (about 6-8am)

**Volunteers Needed for cooking casseroles or providing fruit or drinks, serving guests, cleaning up (running the dishwasher!)**

### Sign up via this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrCP-YleTY6B2yYobCdezuqErAWeca3gQBttVRmYy6j8owmw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrCP-YleTY6B2yYobCdezuqErAWeca3gQBttVRmYy6j8owmw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### Worship Notes and Announcements

**Our Liturgists today:** Hannah Trawick • Kate Colussy-Estes  
Christian Antwi

**Lector of the Day:** Robert Catterall

**Ushers:** Hugh Landrum (co-captain) • Susan Landrum (co-captain)  
Chris Kelly • Shelley Parnes • Charles Rooks • Mike Sizemore  
Terry Tusher • Kathy Walker

**Choir Guild:** Frances Padgett

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found at  
[www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org)

You may find us on Facebook at "Central Presbyterian Church"

Music is printed under [Onelicense.netAA-710014](http://Onelicense.netAA-710014)

### Upcoming Advent Events:

#### Sundays in December

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

#### 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. Christmas Eve worship with children's Christmas pageant, candlelight, and communion.  
**Childcare will be provided beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

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

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