

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 18, 2016

LESSONS AND CAROLS



Glory to God in the Highest
He Qi

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD
REVELATION RINGERS

ARR. JOHN BEHNKE

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

GOD, REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. DAN EDWARDS

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

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

DAVID COZAD

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

♣ **OPENING SENTENCES**

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

*In the season of Advent,
We watch, we wait, and we remind each other to keep awake:
Awake to the vision,
where the star is rising in the east, and the light of love is dawning.
Awake to the spirit,
For God is on the move, and Christ is coming again.
*Christ has come, and Christ is coming.
Alleluia! Amen.**

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, the six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate Christmas and looks with hope for Christ's return.

Our Advent candle lighters this week are Julie Moore, Deanna Robbins, Julia Hayes, and Emil Runge.

♣ **HYMN NO. 93**

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

TRURO

For the younger ones among us:

Do you have a good imagination? Can you watch the end of a cartoon or movie, and then picture in your mind what might happen next? Today we read about Joseph, the father of Jesus. God spoke to Joseph in a dream and told him some things that were going to happen with the birth of Jesus. These things were probably pretty confusing for him. But because Joseph used his imagination, he could see what he needed to do in order to help Jesus be born.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Advent God, come among us.
Awaken us to your love, and fill us with your hope.
Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power.
Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure.
Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world.
Advent God, come among us, and make all things new.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE *(Please be seated following the Passing the Peace.)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the Ad - vent can - dle with the light of love burn - ing bright,

Faith - ful - ly we wait for Christ's com - ing; faith - ful - ly it shines through the night.

In our hum - ble hearts a fire burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would tell.

*As we light the Advent candles, we awaken our spirits to coming of God.
Remembering the shalom of God,
We light a candle for peace.
Leaning on the promise of God,
We light a candle for hope.
Basking in the presence of God,
We light a candle for joy.
Awaiting the coming God once more,
We light a candle for love.
In love we pray, and in love we sing,
Come, O Come, Emmanuel.*

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 88 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL, STANZA 7

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 7:10-16

PAGES 650 OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

AN ADVENT ALLELUIA

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

JERUSALEM CHOIR

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.

Alleluia.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON (Sung)

PSALM 80

PAGE 53 NT, PEW BIBLE

TUNE: ST. LOUIS, TEXT: MICHAEL MORGAN

O Shep - herd, hear and lead your flock, as lambs we crave your care;
Our sel - fish prayers de - serve God's wrath, our pride, a sud - den burst;
God's lin - eage, like a vine, once spread and flou - rished in the land;

What strength on earth ap - proa - ches yours, what mer - cies can com - pare?
We have but stones to serve as bread, and tears to quell our thirst.
but now the vine - yard fails, the fruit lies wi - thered in the sand.

Re - store, O God, your fa - vor, the ra - diance of your face
Re - store, O God Al - might - y, the ra - diance of your face
Re - store, Lord God Al - might - y, the ra - diance of your face

to ligh - ten and re - veal the gift of your re - deem - ing grace.
to ligh - ten and re - veal the gift of your re - deem - ing grace.
to ligh - ten and re - veal the gift of your re - deem - ing grace.

Many hands helped create the Advent liturgical art in the sanctuary and elsewhere in the church building:

We thank Avery West for the inspiration and the Music and Liturgical Arts committee for the creation of the Advent Star installation hanging far above your heads. John White and Steve Bacon constructed the frame, and many congregation members folded these origami stars.

We thank Berta Irwin who created the Advent banners which are hanging in the vestibule across from the Washington Street doors.

The paper lace banners for each Sunday of Advent, representing the traditional themes of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love, were designed by liturgical artist Ellen Phillips, and cut by members of the Music and Liturgical Arts Committee and the congregation.

We thank the congregation members who brought Nativity sets from all over the world. The diversity of style and materials is truly wonderful.

The Advent paraments were created by Camille Gaffron who made paraments for all the liturgical seasons.

ANTHEM

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR; KAREN HUNT, ORCHESTRAL CHIMES; PERCUSSION

ARR. SANDRA EITHUN

MEDITATION

IMAGINATION

DAVID COZAD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN NO. 123

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

CAROL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MICHELLE HWANG

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY I WONDER AS I WANDER

ARR. STEVE PILKINGTON

CHANCEL CHOIR; LUCY BAUM AND ALEXANDRA MAUNEY, SOLOISTS

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For ornery people like you and like I.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of the ages it did then recall.
Glory to God on high, glory to God on high.
Wondering, wondering, wondering how God came down.
Lullaby, Lullaby. If Jesus had wanted any wee thing
A star in the sky, a bird on wing,
All of God's angels in heaven sing,
he sure would have had it, 'cause he was the king.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 144, STANZA 4

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

FOURTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-28

PAGE 53 NT, PEW BIBLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

During the offering, take a minute 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.

ANTHEM

AN ANGEL BROUGHT THE NEWS TO MARY ANNE MCNAIR, ARR. BILL MCNAIR
NAZARETH CHOIR AND ALLY BLISS, SOLOIST

An angel brought the news to Mary. An angel brought the news of a child:

"God has chosen you, God has chosen you to bear a child."

"I do not understand," said Mary. "I do not understand,
but I know God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bear a child."

"Do not be afraid, dear Mary. Do not be afraid to bear this child."

"I am not afraid, I am not afraid to bear this child."

"This child will come in peace, this child will come in love,
this child will bring salvation to the world, hope, love, and joy!

This child will rule our hearts. This child will bear our pain. This child will glorify God's name!"

The angel went away from Mary. The angel went away,
but Mary stayed and pondered in her heart, pondered in her heart the news that day.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 113

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 134, STANZA 4

ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
and wonders, wonders of his love.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

BRING A TORCH, JEANETTE ISABELLA
BRENT IVEY, ORGAN

ARR. KEITH CHAPMAN

The author of *Angels We Have Heard on High* is unknown, but it was written in the mid-18th century in France and not published until the 1842 in France, and then translated and published in 1860 in England. It originally had ten stanzas and was a dialogue between the angels and the shepherds.

CPC WINTER STUDIES

This is Our Story

Listening Closely and Reaching Out

This is not a learning series about evangelism - or even grappling with evangelism. Instead, we will create a space which will allow everyone - including ourselves - to be seen. We will hear stories from others and learn to recognize value in our own stories as well. We know we are a church that can "get a lot done," but without seeing gifts and hearing value in stories, we simply walk and talk past each other.

Each week we'll have a combination of facilitated focusing, small group conversation, and theological reflection.

Jan. 8 | **Fearing Less**

Jan. 15 | **Seeing More**

Jan. 22 | **Asking Hard Questions**

Jan. 20 | **Finding a Center in the Margins**

Feb. 5 | **Living the Questions**

SUNDAY, 9:45 A.M. IN THE ATRIUM

Sanctuary Flower Fund Donations



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In memory of Charlotte & Myron Blee,
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In memory of Dorothy Woods

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In memory of Jimmy St. John

Millie Walling

In memory of Bob & Bobby Walling,
Connie & C. G. Riddle; and Hazel & Bill Sims

Mary Lou Waymer

In memory of Mattie Waymer Armstrong,
Rev. John Gillison, and Silas Kevii

Donn & Sherry Wright

In memory of our parents, Jean & Dave Bradford,
and Elizabeth & David Bradford Wright



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang, Anna George Traynham, and Molly McGinnis. **Our lector today** is Grady Williams. **We thank** Brent Ivey for playing the organ beginning this Sunday through Christmas. **Audio recordings** of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may subscribe to podcasts at that site and find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church." **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net AA-

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Sarah Paulsen
Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

YEAR-END GIVING

The Church office will be open until noon on Friday, December 30, to receive gifts before the 2016 tax deadline, and it is not too late to make a pledge for the work of the church in 2017. Pledges can be made online at www.cpcatlanta.org or by using a pledge card found in your pew.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
Vicki Collier ▪ Philip Covin
Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake
Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers

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Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes

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Jeff Spruell

Counters

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Ginger & Russell
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Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth
Katie Leware

Bell Ringer

Runge Family

Choir Guild

Beth Gustafson

PRAYER CARDS

On the back of each pew are prayer cards. As you feel moved, please fill one out and place it into the offering basket. They will be viewed by a pastor and you will be contacted if requested. All requests are confidential.

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service and
Children's Pageant with Communion
5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Service with Communion
8:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, December 18

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Fair-Trade Gifts Sale
12:45 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
12:45 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Adult Choirs'
Christmas Party
Ashe Home

Monday, December 19

12:00 p.m. International Student
Lunch

Tuesday, December 20

10:00 p.m. Worship Staff

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

Thursday, December 22

Church Office closes at noon

Friday, December 23

Church Office closed

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Children's Pageant
Holy Communion
8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 25

6:00 a.m. Christmas Breakfast
and Worship
with Shelter Guests
10:00 a.m. Worship for Lord's Day
Christmas Day

Monday, December 26

Church Office closed

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25

Breakfast and Worship
with Central Night Shelter Guests
6:00 a.m. | Tull Hall

Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.