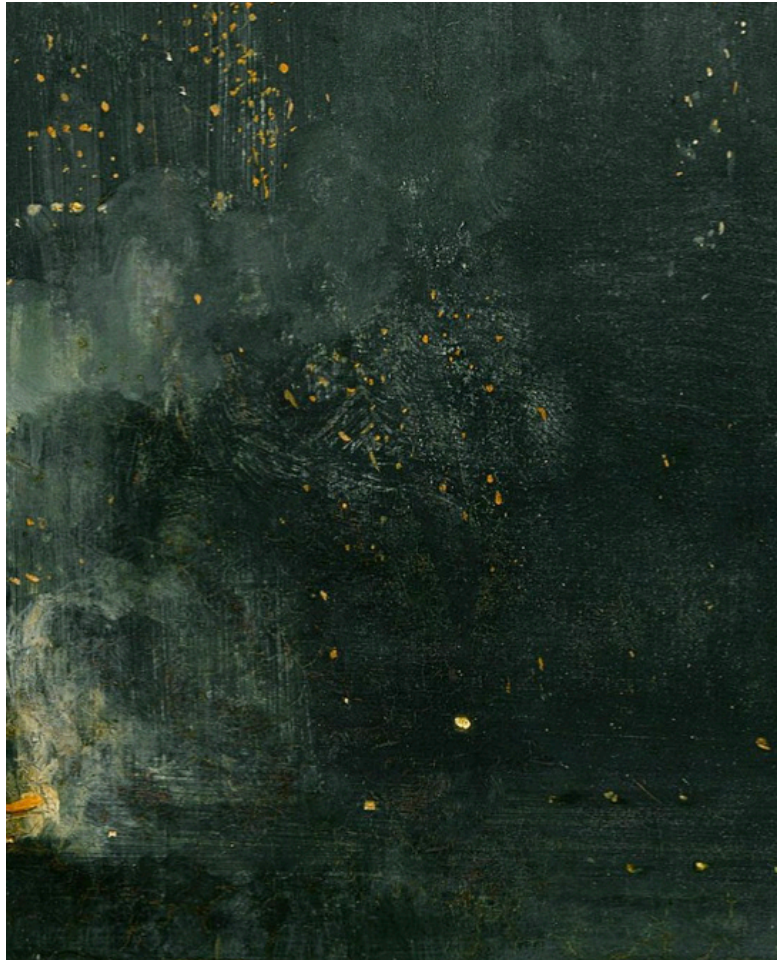




First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Nocturne in Black and Gold - The Falling Rocket by James McNeill Whistler

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on LLANGLOFFAN

arr. Kevin J. Sadowski

As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Samuel Phillips

Ringing of the Bell

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

 When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please silence your phones.

Advent Candle Lighting

The Wood Family

Beloved people of God: Look up to the mountains! Catch a glimpse of God's glory!
See how the light of God is gathering all people.

We come from the East and West, from the North and South, to follow the light of God.

Come, leave your burdens behind! Come, let go of your fear! Come, release the pain of the past!

Yes! Let us come, descendants of Jacob. Yes! Let us find hope in the light of God.

Hymn 85, Stanza 1

TIF IN VELDELE

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**

✠ Hymn 107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

✠ Call to Confession

Susan Landrum

✠ Prayer of Confession

Susan Landrum

ADAPTED FROM A PRAYER WRITTEN BY REV. JASIEL HERNANDEZ GARCIA

**Ever-present God, we often miss how your
light shines in the darkness. We often
choose to hold onto grudges and greed that
weigh us down, casting shadows in our
lives. In this season of Advent, gather us**

**back into your radiant presence so we may
live as people of hope. Empower us to let
go of the past and welcome the new path
you set before us. Guide us with your light
today and always. Amen.**

Silent Confession

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Susan Landrum

✠ Passing of the Peace

Susan Landrum

✠ Hymn 447
(Please sing twice.)

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.**

During the response hymn, children are invited to come forward for A Time With Children.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children		Susan Landrum
Prayer for Illumination		Sally Wood
First Lesson	Isaiah 2:1-5	Sally Wood
Second Lesson	Matthew 24:36-44	Samuel Phillips
Sermon	“What Are We Waiting For?”	Samuel Phillips
<i>Silence and Stillness</i>		

Responding to the Word



An Advent Statement of Faith

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

WRITTEN BY REV. REBECCA F. HARRISON

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the fulfillment of hope, and the declaration that we have been redeemed. Even so, we are not naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love, and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Music at the Offertory

Et in Spiritum Sanctum (from Mass in B Minor)
Thomas Dixon, soloist

J. S. Bach

FROM THE NICENE CREED, ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Together with the Father and the Son
he is adored and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
And I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church.



At the Presentation

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 Dedication

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Traditional: Inclusive Language

**Beloved parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 756

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

✠ Benediction

Samuel Phillips

Closing Voluntary

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Paul Manz

The congregation is invited to be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

Participating in Worship Today

Ed Carwile, Tower Bell Ringer
The Wood Family, Lighting of the Advent Candle
Sally Wood, Lector
Thomas Dixon, soloist

Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes,
Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,
Associate Pastor for Engagement and Mission
The Rev. P. C. (Buddy) Enniss, Pastor Emeritus
Susan Landrum, Interim Director of Youth
Sam Phillips, Interim Director for Family Ministry
Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Director of Musical Arts
Vicki Fey, Organist/Music Associate
Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus
Thomas Dixon, Music Intern
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

Worship Production Staff

Mark Wallace Maguire,
Director of Communications
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director
Bo Brewer, Audio Engineer
Patrick Maguire, Video Assistant
Kurt Vogel, A/V Assistant

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Ben Evans
Bettie Hardin
Em McNair
Kathy Harben
Mike Sizemore

Music is printed under

Onelicense.netAA-710014 | CCS License No. 11974 | CCLI License No. 1950421
