



Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Praise the Lord* by Anthony Falbo

## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

*Improvisation on This Little Light of Mine*

Charles Callahan

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Ringling 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.*



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

✠ Call to Worship

Rev. John M. Semmes

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**God has given us a song to sing;  
let our voices soar with praise for all God has done for us!**

With trumpet and lyre and joyous hearts,  
greet the One who judges the earth with equity!

**God upholds the universe with love and meets us here with unending faithfulness.  
Let us worship God!**

✠ Hymn 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, we confess the uncertainty  
of our faith and the hesitancy of our com-  
mitment. We have misused the gifts you  
have given us, spending our strength for  
nothing but vanity. We have not trusted  
you or dared to risk courageous witness to**

**the truth we have known. We have ignored  
your wondrous deeds and hidden the light  
you have asked us to carry into the world.  
Loving God, draw us back with your for-  
giving love, lest we sink beyond your reach,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

✠ Kyrie Hymn 551

*Lord Have Mercy*

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Response

*This Little Light of Mine*

Spiritual

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Samuel Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Sandy Hoke

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Second Lesson

John 1:4, 9-14

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Sermon

“True Light”

*Silence and Stillness*

## Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Rev. John M. Semmes

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*Lord, Send Your Spirit*  
Chancel Choir

Raymond Wise

Lord, send your Spirit, Lord, send your power,  
Lord, send your glory, so that we can be used by thee.

Lord, send your Spirit, Lord, send your power,  
so you can use me, Lord, until my hands look new;  
use me, Lord, until my feet do too.

Send your Spirit, send your power, send your glory.

Fall on us, so that we can be used by thee.

BASED ON ACTS 1:8



At the Presentation

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MCKEE

Hymn 317 Stanza 1

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**



Prayer of Dedication

Rev. John M. Semmes

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Jennifer Sengin, Cantor

*The Lord's Prayer, using a West Indian folk melody, will be sung in a "call and response" style. Sing as directed.*

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Closing Hymn 340 *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

✠ Benediction Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

✠ Congregational Response Hymn 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

Please continue singing joyfully as you follow the clergy and choir out of the sanctuary and into the world.

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## Participating in Worship Today

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Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Galloway

Liturgist: Sandy Hoke

Chancel Choir

Cantor: Jennifer Sengin

### 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

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

Becky Battle

Philip Covin

Bettie Hardin

Sandy Hoke

Linda Massengill

Chris Sciarrone

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