



Second Sunday of Christmas
January 7, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Prepare the Way by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kate Culver

Ringling of the Bell

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

✠ Call to Worship

Kimberly Parker

FROM GEN. 1:1-2, MARK 1:1, 9-11

In the beginning,

God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God

swept over the face of the waters;

Then God said:

Let there be light,

and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry,

Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened,

and the Spirit descended like a dove;

then God said: This is my beloved Son,

in whom I am well pleased.

✠ Hymn 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You serve the weak and suffering, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed but we have placed our trust in the callus violence of war. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken our hearts so that we shine the light of your saving grace; through Jesus Christ...

(Silent Confession) **Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 150

As With Gladness Those of Old

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**As with gladness those of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Courtney Anne Henry

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Ximena Leroux

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED TRADITIONAL

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, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

Thanksgiving for Bapstim

Aspersion

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

At the River

Aaron Copland

Elizabeth Daly, soprano; Mason Copeland, piano

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather at the river.
The beautiful, the beautiful, river.
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God.

✠ At the Presentation

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
TRADITIONAL PC(USA)

**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.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 687

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kate Culver

Postlude

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons

Maurice Duruflé

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Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director
Tower Bell Ringer Tricia Berrett

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Kevin Byers
Martha Kimes
Isabelle Werber

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