

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.*

Prayer After Communion

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Kate Culver

✠ Choral Benediction *Sing Out, My Soul* MAGNIFICAT (Taizé)

G C D7 G (chords continue)

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and  
 Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi -

glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul.  
 cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat.

Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!  
 Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

Postlude Improvisation on *Helmsley*  
Mason Copeland, organ

## Central Presbyterian Church Staff

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
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### Deacons Available in Rand Chapel for Prayer After Worship

We understand that these times may bring many difficult emotions. As a community, we want to support each other in this journey. Every Sunday, there will be deacons available in Rand Chapel after worship if you would like to talk or pray with someone. If you feel scared, sad, depressed, uncertain, or are struggling in any way, please come. Let us be there to lift each other up, to offer consolation, and to remind each other of the strength we hold in our shared faith.

## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Vicki Collier  
 Choir Guild: Ellen Thompson  
 Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul  
 Deacon of the Day: Deborah Miller  
 Dean Hammond, Volunteer  
 Technology Director

Hospitality Team  
 Beth Grashof  
 Kevin Byers  
 Tricia Downing  
 Martha Kimes  
 Em McNair  
 Anastassia Pons  
 Isabelle Werber



## This Week at Central

### December 1 - December 8, 2024

#### Sunday, December 1

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
 9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Youth Suite  
 9:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room)  
 Sojourners Class (Brotherhood Room)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

#### Monday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

#### Tuesday, December 3

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)  
 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Zoom)  
 7:00 p.m. Antiracist Practices for Faithful Leadership (Zoom)  
 7:30 p.m. Bookworms at the Heidebreder's

#### Wednesday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)  
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Foot Clinic (Gym)

#### Thursday, December 5

1:00 p.m. Raising Stars in the Sanctuary

#### Friday, December 6

12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

#### Saturday, December 7

Church Office Closed  
 2:00 p.m. Deacon's Christmas Tea  
 5:30 p.m. Choir Christmas Party  
 6:30 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Potluck "Friends-thanks-mas" at the Bliss' home

#### Sunday, December 8

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
 9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Youth Suite  
 9:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room)  
 Sojourners Class (Brotherhood Room)  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Lunch and Advent Marketplace (Tull Hall)  
 4:30 p.m. Central Youth Christmas Party, Youth Suite

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN: Come Little Children!** Central has resumed its nursery for children ages 3 months to four-years-old during our Sunday School and worship hours (9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday). Children are always welcome in our sanctuary, but for those parents or caregivers who prefer their little ones to be in a bright, safe, playful environment, please join us in the nursery!

**Advent Marketplace and Congregational Lunch.** Please join us in Tull Hall for fun, fellowship and mission during our annual Advent Marketplace and Congregational Luncheon on December 8 immediately following worship. To register for the lunch, scan the QR code:



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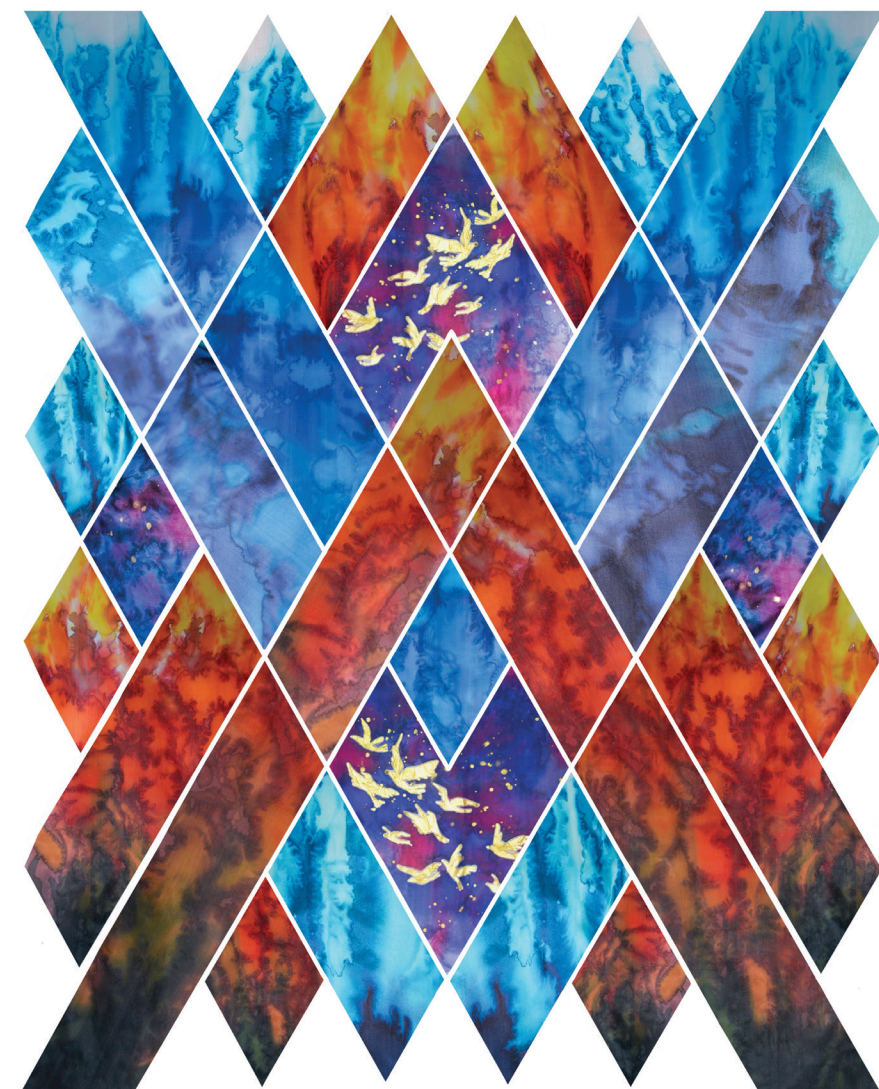
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The First Sunday of Advent  
 December 1, 2024  
 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Lisle*

*When You Pass Through the Waters, Lisle Gwynn Garrity*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach  
Mason Copeland, organ

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 worshipping God.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Holden Family  
In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?  
Where do we start?

**Let us begin with the good news!**  
**Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing,  
loved by a gracious God.**  
**Let us begin with music and singing!**  
**Let us begin with warmth and welcome.**  
**Let us begin with hope.**

**Yes, let us begin with hope.**  
Today we light the candle of hope to  
shine a light in a worn and weary world.

**May this be our foundation.**  
**May this be our fresh start.**  
**May this be our new beginning.**  
May hope flow forth from here.  
Amen!

Hymn 88 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✠ Call to Worship Susan Landrum  
The time is surely coming when our love for one another and all of God's  
children will increase.

**We would live into that time with hope and joy.**

The day is surely coming when God will strengthen our hearts with  
humility and holiness.

**We would anticipate that day as we reach out to serve all of our  
neighbors.**

The days are surely coming when we will walk the paths of faithfulness  
and steadfast love.

**We begin this journey, knowing that all of God's promises will be  
fulfilled.**

✠ Hymn 348 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* HEMSLEY

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**Affirming God,  
Your first words to creation were words of love.  
You looked at this earth and said, "It is good."  
You spoke affirmations through the prophets.  
You spoke blessings over Mary.  
You spoke belonging through Christ.**

**At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing,  
made in your image, held in your love.  
Forgive us for forgetting this truth.  
Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick  
instead of yours.  
We believe.  
Help our unbelief.  
In Christ's name we pray....(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 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING

**While we are waiting, come;  
while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
while we are waiting, come.**

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children Susan Landrum & Naomi McQuiller

Prayer for Illumination Vicki Collier

First Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 357 *The Days are Surely Coming* LLANGLOFFAN

✠ Affirmation of Faith Naomi McQuiller

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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heav-  
en, 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 *Great Creator* Karen Marrolli  
Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, piano

✠ 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 Dedication Naomi McQuiller

# The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymn 552

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LAND OF REST



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith!

Memorial Acclamation

Hymn 553

*Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

LAND OF REST



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

TRADITIONAL

**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.**