

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – November 26

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:00am Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

MONDAY – November 27

7:00pm Session (Discipleship)

WEDNESDAY – November 29

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – November 30

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Hanging of the Greens will take place immediately after the worship service today. Many hands make light work to transform our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

Jubilee is Saturday, December 9. We are excited to support 11 families this year, including 23 children and 5 teens. Please see the bulletin insert for the many ways you can help.

Poinsettias are given and displayed in the sanctuary during Advent in memory or honor of loved ones or friends. Please use the order form or email the church at receptionist@centralpreschurch.org. Be sure to include your name, the name(s) of the person(s) being memorialized/honored and a check for \$17.00 each.

A congregational meeting is called for December 3 immediately following worship. The purpose is to elect officers and to approve the budget and the terms of call for Pastor Wil.

Special Advent music will be presented at the December 10 worship service. The Lafayette Flute Choir will play before the service starting at 9:40am. Please plan to come early and enjoy this extra-special musical treat.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffry Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Celebration Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

Christ the King

November 26, 2023

Welcome

Prelude “Make Way, Make Way” (Graham Kendrick)

Candle Lighting

Congregational Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” V. 1 88

***Hymn** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” 268

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out — against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Congregational Response

“Glory to God in the Highest” (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Anthem “Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Calling” (Roger Price)

Second Reading Mark 13:24-37

Message “Waiting in the Darkness” Rev. Wil Reinowski

*Hymn “While We Are Waiting, Come” 92

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed (page 35 Hymnal)

*Congregational Response “Gloria Patri” 581

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.

Offertory “As the Deer” (Martin J. Nystrom)

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” 314

*Benediction

Postlude “Wake! Awake, for Night is Flying” (Johann Walther)

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers

We pray for healing and comfort for Shirley West, Don Racheter, Peg Wier and Ben Camilotto son of Lou and Carol. We also pray for our Special Care friends Edith Short and Ralph Smith.