

Central Happenings

SUNDAY –December 3

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:00am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary/Zoom)

WEDNESDAY – December 6

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – December 7

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

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.

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.

Christmas Eve Morning at 10:00am we will be doing a service project called the Shepherd's Run as part of our worship. We will assemble baskets of goodies to take to fire, police and emergency rooms to thank them for watching over us on Christmas Eve. Donations of individually wrapped treats (jerky, crackers, cookies) or money to purchase snacks can be placed at the back of the sanctuary by December 17. Questions: contact Becky Stoupe at 620-899-0750. Let's let our local first responders know we are grateful for their vigilance.

Christmas Eve Evening at 7:00pm a full traditional Christmas Eve service will take place with lessons and carols.

The Christmas Joy offering (one of four annual special offerings by PCUSA) aids current and retired pastors in need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian related schools and colleges. Please mark your checks "Christmas Joy" on the memo line. Donations are being accepted through 12/31.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffry Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Celebration Music: Paul Foster
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Central Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



Welcome

Prelude "Jesus Messiah" (Chris Tomlin)

***Call to Worship** Roy Johnson

Leader: **A voice cries in the wilderness,**

People: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear.

Leader: Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.

People: For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 83

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*People's Response

"Glory to God in the Highest" back cover Hymnal

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Anthem "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" (Bach/Andrews)

Second Reading Mark 1:1-8

Message "Prepared for Surprise" Rev. Wil Reinowski

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

People's Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" v 2 88

Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues, ending with "sing to the glory of your name..."

Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" back cover Hymnal

The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord's Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Lord's Supper

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn** "Love Has Come" 110

Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory "I Wonder as I Wander" (Traditional)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ your steadfast love and faithfulness have met and your righteousness and peace have kissed. May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

***Hymn** "The Days are Surely Coming" 357

*Benediction

Postlude "Advent Chorale" (Bach/Mendelssohn)

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers

We give thanks for the release of hostages in Israel and pray for the continuance of peace there. We pray for the people held captive and ask that they are returned safely to their families soon. We also pray for our Special Care friends Edith Webber and Rita Zachariah.

A congregational meeting is called immediately following worship today. The purpose is to elect officers and to approve the budget and the terms of call for Pastor Wil. Please plan to stay for this short but vital meeting.