

## In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for victims, families, first responders, and the community of New Orleans. We pray for our Special Care Friends, Don Nead and Marilyn Pryor.

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – January 5

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:00 a.m. Unhanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)

### MONDAY – January 6

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

### WEDNESDAY – January 8

10:00 a.m. Women of the Word - WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY – January 9

10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

**Help us unhang the greens!** Join us today, immediately following worship to take down and store the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work—thank you for your help!

**The new year is a great opportunity** to ensure your information is up to date in our online directory. Login or create your free account today at [www.centralpreschurch.org/login/](http://www.centralpreschurch.org/login/). Don't miss this opportunity to stay connected with our church family!

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\* *Please stand as you are able.*



# Central Presbyterian Church

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



## Welcome

**Prelude** "Zimbelstern Prelude on Prepare the Way, O Zion" (arr. P. Fey)

**\*Call to Worship** Deb Hester

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Come, worship the Lord of glory.

**People: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.**

**\*Hymn** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" 151

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: This is the good news: Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Congregational Response**      “Glory to God”      (back cover Hymnal)

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**      Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

**Anthem**      “Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”      (Vajda/Schalk)

**Second Reading**      Matthew 2:1-12

**Message**      “Led by Joy”      Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn**      “To God Be the Glory”      634

**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**      “We Are Marching in the Light of God”      853

**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**      “What Child is This”      (arr. Chip Davis)

**\* Please stand as you are able.**

**\*Doxology**      606

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant’s crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**      “Here I Am to Worship”      (Tim Hughes)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**      “Trumpet Fanfare in C Major”      (Paul Fey)



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**In our effort to be inclusive** of those who are unable to be with us in person, we live stream our worship services online. For those who are camera-shy, seating is available in the back two rows of the main floor or anywhere in the balcony.