

In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for Nancy Nargi as she has hip replacement surgery this week. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Beverly and Butch Hancock.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – November 30

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

MONDAY – December 1

6:00 p.m. Scouts (Scout Room)

WEDNESDAY – December 3

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

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

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

THURSDAY – December 4

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

Please use the Ritual of Friendship pads to let us know you're with us today. Whether you are in person or on-line, you can also sign in at centralpreschurch.org/friendship

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.

All college students are invited to have lunch on Central. Please find Terry and Lynne Phillips in the Gathering Space immediately after the service to say you're joining in.

The greeter this morning is Pat Egan.

Cover image: *"Favored One"*, by Lauren Wright Pittman. Inspired by Luke 1:26-38. *Digital painting.* *Artist Statement:* God chooses Mary, a young, unmarried woman—with little value as far as society is concerned—to be the conduit through which Love takes on flesh. The angel Gabriel embraces Mary to give her peace that is like a wave of relief over her whole being.



Central Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

Words for the Beginning

"You Are a Blessing"

Sunday, November 30, 2025



Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Congregation Coordinator: Jessica Pisarski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prelude "Ave Maria" (Bach / Gounod)

***Call to Worship** Roy Johnson

Leader: God says,

People: "Do not be afraid."

Leader: God says,

People: "I have called you by name."

Leader: God says,

People: "I will be with you."

Leader: God says,

People: "You are precious and honored in my sight."

Leader: At the beginning of this season, at the start of this week,
at the top of this hour, may we wrap ourselves in these words.

May we begin again.

People: Let us worship our Holy God!

***Hymn** "Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You" 104

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**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, blessings over Mary,
belonging through Christ. At every turn you have reminded us
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 stick instead of yours. We believe. Help our unbelief.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, hear these words from Isaiah: God says,

**People: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you
by name; you are mine."**

Leader: We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck.

People: Thanks be to God! May we believe it. Amen.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Congregational Response** "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Children's Time

Second Reading Luke 1:26-38

Message "Blessed from the Start" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "In Case No One Ever Told You" Insert

*Affirmation of Faith

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (arr. Paul Manz)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**God of blessing and belonging, take these gifts and our hearts
with them. Use them to speak your affirming love to a world
that forgets its worth. May our giving remind others and
ourselves that we are your beloved, redeemed, and called by
name. Amen.**

*Hymn

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout (Canticle of the Turning)" 100

*Benediction

Postlude "Postlude on "Adeste Fidelius"" (arr. Gordon Young)

