



Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church



Upcoming Events

December 14

Deadline to order poinsettia

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Memorial Service for Mr. McElyea

December 18

Christmas Cantata

"Invitation to a Miracle"

Monthly Potluck

Session will meet after
potluck

December 24

Christmas eve candlelight
Service

December 25

Worship Service

Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars for December 18th as the choirs of Central and First Presbyterian will present "**Invitation to a Miracle**" by Joseph M. Martin. Gathered around the wonders that accompanied Jesus' birth, this cantata journeys from the miracle of prophecy to the incarnation, and finally to the proclamation of this most significant moment. Through the poetic narration, scripture passages and creatively arranged carols, the timeless story of the birth of Christ will be presented.

Following the service, we will celebrate our monthly potluck luncheon. Be sure to bring your favorite dish or two and join us in fellowship following our morning worship.

Candlelight Service

On Dec. 24, join us at 4:00 p.m. as we celebrate our Christmas eve candlelight service. On Christmas day, we will worship at our regular 11:00 a.m. hour. Join us for these many opportunities to worship and fellowship together. May this be one of our best Advent and Christmas seasons ever!

Church Mission Statement

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others

Church Membership

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. New members will be received upon baptism and profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.

A word from our Pastor:



“Have you ever been in love? Remember how it felt? Do you still remember how your heart was fluttered with joy?”



“May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your **love is better than wine.**” Song of Solomon 1:1

Have you ever been in love? Remember how it felt? Do you still remember how your heart was fluttered with joy?

Do you still remember the moments that your heart filled up with warmth just because you know that there is someone who loves you, someone who cares about you? Do you still remember the intimate moments that you and your **loved one shared? ... the erotic and sensual moments.... And** you wanted more! Remember how you wished that you and your loved one can be together forever?

Such feelings we adore. Such moments we cherish. Yet we shun to talk about such moments and feelings, just because we are virtuous Christians. They are not so **Christian! we say... And we find this strange book in the Bible that we call “Song of Solomon.” It starts with this; “May he kiss me with kisses of his mouth!”**

When God asks us to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, He asks us to love Him with everything we have. And so often, the Holy Book describe the relationship with God and you as a couple of lovers; bridegroom and bride; husband and wife. God asks you to share such intimate moment with Him too. He wants to share such deep love with you. He wants to exchange the words of secret with you. And He wants to be close to you!

We are in the season. Thanksgiving, Christmas, New year... people around the world travel a lot in this season... to see and to be with the ones we love... to exchange warm words of love and intimacy with the ones we love. And we remember that God came to us, Immanuel God, God among us. He is visiting us once again because He wants to share His deep and intimate love with you.

The season is about love.

Pastor Jai Kwak

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SESSION

Class of 2016

Nelson Buchannan

Tommy Dunlap

Jemmie Moseley

Benjimen Neal

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (clerk)

Marty Shell

Youth News

Thanks to everyone for supporting our youth on our Mexican pile on luncheon. We raised over \$200.00 to support our youth programs! We are grateful and blessed.

PW News



Central's Presbyterian women have been invited to join First Presbyterian for their Joy Gift luncheon Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at their church. The cost is \$12. Entertainment will be provided by soloist Charles Graham.

Poinsettias

The deadline to order poinsettias is December 14. Please be sure to get your order into the office by that date.



Reminder: End of Year Contributions

2016 pledges and gifts to the church must be received by December 31, 2016, in order to be deducted on your 2016 tax return. Contributions that are received by the church in 2017 cannot be deducted on 2016's tax return, even if the check is dated 2016.

However, a check that is written, mailed, and postmarked in 2016 can be deducted on 2016's tax return even if it is not received by the church until 2017. We will follow these rules in issuing receipts. End-of-year contribution reports will be available around January 31, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Newsletter Deadline for the January issue of Central Scene is Monday 26

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In loving memory of Mary Wooten

Tommy Wooten

Connie Detmers

Mildred Gaunt



In Loving Memorial of Mary Ward

Mildred Gaunt

In loving Memory of Cheryl Fox

Lawrence Fikes

DECEMBER

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NOVEMBER 2016

JANUARY 2017

NOTES:

Office will be closed December 26, 2016 in observance
of Christmas day

We will take down our Christmas/Advent decorations

on Saturday, December 31 at 9:00am.

Bulletin deadline is Dec 20 for Christmas bulletin and

Newsletter Deadline is Dec 27

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
Pastor's Installation 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	First Presbyterian PW luncheon 12	13	14	15	16	17
Christmas Cantata Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting 18	19	Bulletin Deadline 20	21	22	23	Christmas Eve Candlelight 24
Christmas Day Worship Service 25	26	Newsletter Deadline 27	28	29	30	31

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

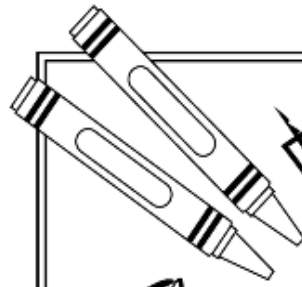
What you need:

- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



What you do:

1. With the paper plate up-side down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.
4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.

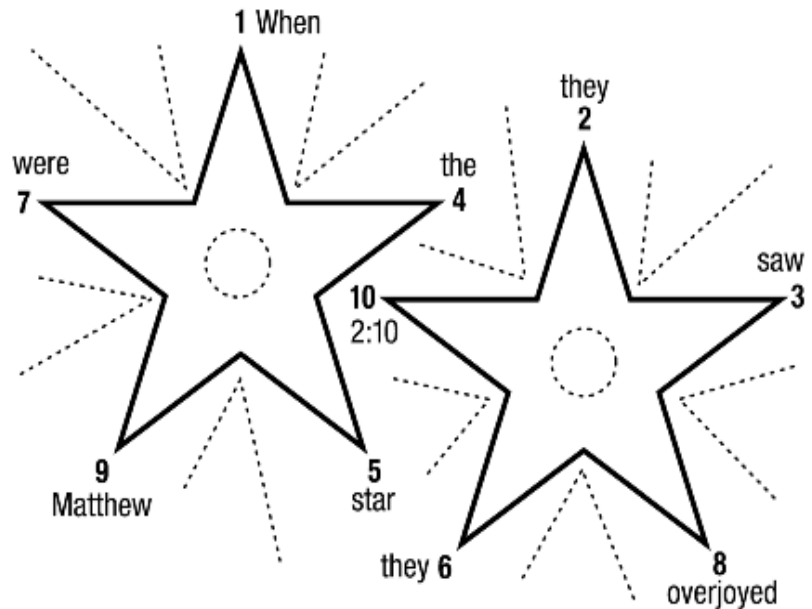


PUZZLE

The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.



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 _____ : _____ , NIV

Answer: “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” Matthew 2:10, NIV

Story of Silent Night

It was December 24th 1818, when [Joseph Mohr](#) of newly established parish of St. Nicola in Oberndorf (he was the assisting priest then) came up to the organist [Franz Xaver Gruber](#) (who was also the teacher of Arnsdorf, a village close by) with a poem. Joseph Mohr asked, "if Gruber could compose a song for two solo voices and choir accompanied by a guitar." With these words Gruber (composer) described the beginning of today's world famous Christmas song.



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Lyrics of Silent Night in form of a poem

[The lyrics](#) were already written in 1816 by Mohr, who worked in Mariapfarr then, in form of a poem. Why this poem became a Christmas song two years later is subject to speculation. The legend goes, that St. Nicola's organ was broken that Christmas eve in 1818. Out of that reason both creators composed this carol for soprano, tenor and choir to be performed for the first time this special night in the church of St. Nicola in [Oberndorf](#).

From Salzburg to Tyrol, Leipzig and New York

This carol was later on primarily performed in the area where both creators worked, without their names being mentioned. In 1866 the carol was first published in a songbook for churches in the area of Salzburg. Before that, the Rainer and Strasser families took the song to the Zillertal of Tyrol (1819), to Leipzig (1832) and finally to New York (1839).

Christian missionaries spread the carol at the turn of the century to all continents. Today, over 300 translations into different languages and dialects are known.

<http://www.silentnight.info/en/silent-night/origin.asp>

Lectionary Readings for the Month of December

Advent Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 11:1- 10	Psalm 72:1- 7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 35:1- 10	Psalm 146:5-10 or <i>Luke 1:46b- 55</i>	James 5:7- 10	Matthew 11:2-11
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 7:10- 16	Psalm 80:1- 7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-

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Happy Birthday

01 *Kodee Vick*
04 *Mary Light*
06 *Lan Kelley*
11 *Sheila Horn*
11 *Bernice Collins*
17 *Denise Mosley*
28 *Chris Walker*
30 *Rich Cromwell*

Anniversaries

01 *Sheila and Jimmy Horn*
28 *Jane and David Judkins*
28 *Laura and Rick Pierce*