

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church where we come together **to celebrate God’s love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This Congregation opens wide its doors and our hearts and offers welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Announcements

The Deadline for the January Issue of *Central Scene* is **Monday, December 26**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day

We will take down our Christmas/Advent decorations on Saturday, December 31 @9am

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Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2016

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Silent Night*

CALL TO WORSHIP
Jemmie: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And hope to every discouraged heart.
Jemmie: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And peace to every conflicted soul.
Jemmie: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And joy to every downcast spirit.
Jemmie: Glory to God in the highest!
People: And love to everyone.
ALL: Let us sing praises to our God. Let us offer this light against the darkness.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN #133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*



CALL TO CONFESSION

Children of God, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. 1 John 3:18-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jemmie: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
People: May the God of mercy, forgive us all our sins
Jemmie: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI ("Glory be to the Father") Hymnal #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Away In a Manger Lund

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children’s message.
Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 96
GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1–6
EPISTLE READING Titus 2:11-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Where is the King? Rev. Jai D. Kwak
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed see insert
*HYMN #119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Gottes Sohn ist Kommen Bach
(The Son of God has come)

*DOXOLOGY ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") Hymnal #607

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use the wording “debts and debtors.”)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #134 Joy to the World

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** A Tender Rose Has Blossom Rasley

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 25, 2016

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 96
1Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
2Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
3Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
4For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
5For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But the Lord made the heavens.
6Splendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
1Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
8Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name;
Bring an offering and come into His courts.
9Worship the Lord in holy attire;
Tremble before Him, all the earth.
10Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns;
Indeed, the ^aworld is firmly established, it will not be moved;
He will judge the peoples with equity.”
11Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and all it contains;
12Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy
13Before the Lord, for He is coming,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

NEW TESTAMENT

Titus 2:11–14
11For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12instructing us to deny
ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,
13looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ
Jesus, 14who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a
people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–6 (NIV)
The Magi Visit the Messiah
2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came
to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star
when it rose and have come to worship him.”³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all
Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law,
he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is
what the prophet has written:⁶ “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Anthem

Away In a Manger

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
 the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
 I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
 close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care;
 prepare us for heaven to live with you there.

Central Prayer Concerns for the Week of December 25, 2016

MEMBERS:

Donna McCaleb	Valerie Reichen
Dana Neal	Mildred Gaunt
Bill VonTungeln	Hester Insley
Bernice Lackey	Mary Kientz
Raymond Turner	Bea Magee
Rose VonTungeln	

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Name	Related to/ Friends of	Name	Related to or Friends of
Sue Dell Black	sister in law of Lynda Vick	Georgiana Burnside	daughter of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
Dr. Laura Festa	wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa	Mary McBee	friend of Karen & David Perdue
Quinn Wormer	grandnephew of Connie Detmers	Helen Gaunt	sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Gerry Eilbott Soltz	friend of Lawrence Fikes	Dan Loomis	former pastor
Rebecca and Earl Phillips	friends of Karen and David Perdue	Franklin Ward	uncle of Dana Neal
Doris McCoy	mother of Kay Cromwell	Carla Baumer	mother of Briana Rodriguez's friend
Lois Tucker	neighbor of the Mosley Family	Wanda Vining	mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Helen Knoll	great-grandmother of Amber Poss	Sean & Yesenia Treas-zapata	family of church secretary
Kathleen Simpson	mother of Denise Mosley	Miriam Jennings	friend of Cosner family
Audrey Brooks	mother-in-law of Nelson Buchannan	Brady Goodwin	friend of Howsen family
Cathy Risinger	sister of Kay Cromwell	David Gallaher & family	former pastor
Scott McGeorge	friend of Lawrence Fikes	Family of Mary Wooten	
Ryker Cheek	nephew of Bubba VonTungeln	Mike Carraway,	Co-Worker of Zac Cosner

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Campus Ministries	Hospital Chaplains & Counselors
Prison Chaplains	

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Help us keep our Prayer list up-to-date. If you have family or friends who need to be added or removed from the Prayer Concerns list, please let the Office know.