



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 3, 2023, 9:15 AM
Central Christian Church

About our service:

We want worship to be comfortable for you. Feel free to bring your **coffee** with you into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an **offering** with us if you are motivated. Simply deposit your offering in the box on the south wall of the worship area or follow prompts to text-to-give or to give online.

MEDITATION TABLE:

STONES & VASE

Use the stones as a physical representation of your burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

COMFORT CROSS

Feel free to pick up a cross and take it with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally. His comfort, care, and transformative power is at work for you, in you, and through you today and always. Receive it. Praise God and share His never-ending love with others.

SCRIPTURE CARDS

Feel free to read and take one of the Scripture cards with you. You are encouraged to place it where you will see it throughout your week as a reminder of God's message for you.

PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.



Wifi= CCCGuest
No password
needed.

Nominating Committee Report, 2024-2026

On Sunday, December 3rd, we will have our annual congregational meeting. This will take place at 11:50 am in the Disciples Room. Every year in early December, we vote as a congregation to approve both the Nominating Committee's report as well as the proposed operating budget for the coming year. These will be our agenda items at the 12/3 meeting. According to our congregation's by-laws, we are to publish the Nominating Committee's report two weeks prior to the meeting. Copies of the proposed budget can be found in the Welcome Center and on the back table in the Great Hall.

Calling All Bakers!

Come to the Christmas cookie exchange on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 2:00pm in the Lower Level renovated area. Please bake 3 dozen cookies to exchange. There will be snacks, games, and prizes.

Christmas Care and Share

Help local families have a more fulfilling Christmas with items like: gloves, mittens, toys, boardgames, books, sports balls & hygiene supplies. garbage bags and wrapping supplies are also needed. Please bring donations to the Connection Café between 11/26 & 12/5.

Advent Festival 2023

An Event for the Whole Family In the Great Hall
Sunday, December 10
12 noon -1:30 pm

Join the fun! Enjoy pizza for lunch, hear the Story of Christmas, create Christmas ornaments, decorate Christmas cookies, play Christmas Bingo!!



Please RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 7th – Let us know that your family will join us! Email central@cccdisciples.org or call the church office (217-428-4336).

Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table **during the communion time**. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let Pastor Michael or Pastor Vicky know after worship.

Mark 13:1-4, 32-37 (NRSVUE)

Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader: We have to wait for many things in life.

People: We have to wait for Christmas to come and for baby Jesus to arrive in our world.

Leader: We have to wait for many things in life.

People: God's time is not always our time.

Leader: We have to wait for many things in life.

People: But we never have to wait for hope.

Leader: The Advent season is God's assurance to us that light will always triumph over darkness and hope will conquer despair. Even if we have to wait longer than we would like, these things will take place.

People: We light this first Advent candle to remember this promise from God to us. And we do so with these words from Mark 13 guiding us: "Keep alert and keep awake, for you do not know when the time will come."

(Light the first candle)

Leader: May we be found prepared and ready for the Lord when he comes.

People: Thanks be to God for the hope we have in Christ.

Responsive Reading

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God's royal son?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the highest!

Serving Today

Elder – Janet Lyman
Deacon – Matt & Laura Moma
Greeter – Angie & Ron Ingram
Liturgist – Jodi Van Uytven
Snacks – Angie Horvath

Serving Next Sunday, 12/10

Elder – Theresa Fulk
Deacon – Hugh & Linda Rowden
Greeter – Andy & Theresa Fulk
Liturgist – Greg Barnes
Snacks – Randy & Deb Trei