



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 10, 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.**

REMINDER - Advent Festival 2023

An Event for the Whole Family In the
Great Hall
TODAY!!
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!!



Handel's "Messiah"
Sing Along
December 17th, 3 PM

Performed by the Decatur Festival Chorus, comprised of a consortium of local church choirs and community members, members of the Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Prof. Nate Widelitz

Bring your own "Messiah" score and sing along, or just enjoy a memorable afternoon of beautiful music! This is a free event.

Central Christian Church
650 W. William St., Decatur, IL

New Year's Eve concert

Blue Note Quintet will be playing on New Year's Eve at Central Christian Church from 7 pm until 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

This five piece blues band performs all around the Springfield area and they are looking forward to playing a variety of music to celebrate the holidays. Come enjoy the music!



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.

Isaiah 40:1-4 and Mark 1:1-3, 32-37 (NRSVUE)

Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader: God's favorite way of connecting with us is through messengers.

People: We thank God for those who have been messengers of the Good News to us.

Leader: The prophet Isaiah promised that God would comfort us in our time of worry and bring peace to our lives through Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

People: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem that she will receive from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

Leader: John the Baptist prepared the people for Jesus' coming by connecting with them where he found them.

People: We thank God for those who have met us where we are and who prepared our hearts to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ.

(Light the second candle) - The Niles-Cox Family

Leader: We light this second candle, the candle of peace.

People: May we give thanks for those who were messengers of God's peace for us, and may we be messengers of the same peace for others.

All: Thanks be to God for the peace we have in Christ.

Responsive Reading

Leader: If you are lost and alone, God will find you and bring you home.

People: The Lord will lead you through your desert on a holy highway.

Leader: When you face insurmountable odds and overwhelming challenges, God will help you.

People: The Lord will lift up your valleys and make low your mountains.

Leader: When you wonder how you will make it, God will help you see all things clearly.

People: The Lord will make the uneven ground level and the rough places a plain.

Serving Today

Elder - Theresa Fulk

Deacon - Hugh & Linda Rowden

Greeter - Andy & Theresa Fulk

Liturgist - Greg Barnes

Snacks - Randy & Deb Trei

Serving Next Sunday, 12/17

Elder - Dick Cain

Deacon - Louis & Laura Kappler

Greeter - Jodi Van Uytven

Liturgist - Cheryl Zollinger

Snacks - Angie Horvath