



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 24, 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.**

Sunday School News for Families

There will be regular Sunday School classes for our children and youth on December 17. We will not have Sunday School on December 24 and December 31. We will have activities available for children whose families attend the 9:15 worship service on those Sundays. Regular Sunday School classes will resume on January 7.



Closed for the Holidays

The Church and office will be closed on **December 25th** and **January 1st** for the holidays.

We hope your family has a very blessed and healthy holiday season.

Swing in the New Year
with Manley Mallard and the Blue Note Quintet
December 31st, 2023
7:00 PM
Central Christian Church, 650 W. William St.

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 1:4-11 (NRSVUE)

Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader: Love is most clearly seen in the service we offer to one another.

People: Jesus said, "People will know you are my disciples when you love one another as I loved you."

Leader: Love is most clearly seen through our generous giving to one another.

People: Jesus said, "No one has greater love than to lay down their life for their friends."

Leader: Love is most clearly seen in God's promise to provide for us and meet all our needs.

People: Jesus came to give us the Holy Spirit to guide us through an uncertain future.

Leader: We light the final candle in our advent wreath today, the candle of love.

People: We give thanks for all the ways God's love is revealed to us.

(Light the fourth candle)

Leader: As we welcome Jesus into our world again this Christmas season, we open our hearts to receive the love of God he brings.

People: God is love. Those who love one another live in God, and God lives in them.

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

Responsive Reading

Leader: The heavens have opened, the love of God has come down.

People: The Holy Spirit descends upon us and has taken human form.

Leader: Jesus the Christ dwells among us, God's beloved Son.

People: The goodness of God is poured out on the world.

Leader: Let us follow this Messiah who leads us on a journey of salvation.

People: He will forever lead us in paths of righteousness.

Serving Today

Elder – Jeannie Backes
Deacon – Angie & Ron Ingram
Greeter – Cheryl Zollinger
Liturgist – Travis Wilcoxen
Snacks – Laura Kappler

Serving Next Sunday, 12/31

Elder – Susan Bryant
Deacon – Randy Trei
Greeter – Angie Horvath
Liturgist – Greg Barnes
Snacks – Hugh & Linda Rowden