

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn

No. 167

Go Tell It On the Mountain (vs. 1, 3)

(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude

Noël Angevin
Dee Dee Gain, organ

César Franck

**All who are able, please stand*

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Sunday, January 5, 2025
Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *March of the Wise Men* Charles Black
 Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn *We Three Kings* No. 172

*Responsive Reading Tom Ritter

Leader: Like the Magi guided by the star,
 we come seeking the savior.

**People: We come looking for the hope, peace,
 joy and love that Christ offers.**

Leader: Like the Magi, we seek to pay attention
 to the ways God is leading us.

People: We come longing for the abundant life God promises.

Leader: May the Word of God encourage us
 and guide our intentions in the days to come.

**People: May God use the Word to show us
 how to live and love in our world.**

All: O God, Light all our paths and lead us closer to you.

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever, Amen.**

*Gloria Patri No. 35

A Time for All God's Children

Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Hymn *As With Gladness* (vs. 1, 3) No. 173

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response

(10:30) Special music, Aubrey Hawkinson

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Aubrey Hawkinson

(10:30) Anthem *Peace, Peace* Rick & Sylvia Powell

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Pg. 2 NT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Follow Your Star (Word)*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 177

What Was Your Vow and Vision (vs. 1, 3)

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

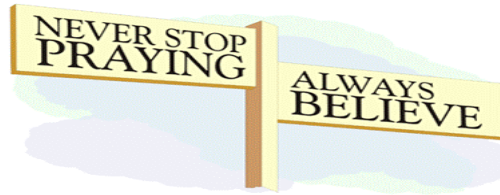
Meditation Linda Rowden

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Janet Lyman

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Prayer List



Last updated 1/3/2025

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Shane Garver
Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
June Moutray
Mike & Carole Holbrook
Mickie Wilmot
Misty Mochel
Linda Kuhns
Don & Brenda Tankersley
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham
The family of Kent West
The family of Jane Latshaw

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter &
grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)
Ryan Smithson (grandson of Jim & Vicki Fitzpatrick)
Lucas May (nephew of Marci Baumann)
Nicholas Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Mason Penhallegon (nephew of Babs & Tom McKay)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Glen Dalluge
Lawrence & Sally Thicksten (Randall Residence)
Barb Tyler (Tanglewood)
Bess King (The Glenwood)
Nancy Taylor (The Glenwood)
Jean Goretzke (Primrose)
Bob & Peggy Garrett (Primrose)
Marilyn Ward (Courtyard Estates)
Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)
Eleanor Pritts (Hickory Pt. Christian Village)
Don Boyd (Lincolnshire)
Yvonne Purcell (Evergreen)

Friends & Family

Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Harriette York (mother of David York)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot)
Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda)
Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash)
Shannon Borntreger (son of Kathy Kauzlarich)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Bob & Jean Lucas (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Matt Bean & family (friend of Erik & Carly Barnes)
Larry Baker (friend of Keith Backes & David Wagner)
Evelyn Drahovzal (friend of Charlotte Ballance)
Rea Virt (mother of Diana Ritter)
Mark Neisslie (uncle of Carly Barnes)
Tina King (friend to many CCC members)
Cheryl McElroy (friend of Greg Barnes)
Sharyl Craggs (wife of Bob Craggs)
Paul Barnes (father of Greg Barnes)
Curt & Malinda Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Sharolyn Esgar (daughter of Nancy Flamm)
All affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton in FL,
GA, TN, NC, SC, and VA
Tom Little (son-in-law of Dixie June Govro)
Jan Skidmore (friend of Julie Jacoby)
Dannika Beedle (daughter of Janelle Beedle)
Jim Story (friend of Maria Jacobs)
Michelle Lockwood (friend of Nancy Ellen Taylor)

Worship Extras
January 5, 2025

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSVUE

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, January 5, 2025

Elders: Janet Lyman, Linda Rowden

Jan. Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Gregg & Linda Foltz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gene Garver, Sid Rohrscheib

10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Tom Ritter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,
Brittney Moran, Blair Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Stephani Martin,
Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne Devore & Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist: Tom Ritter

Next Sunday, January 12, 2025

Elders: Tom Ritter, Brett Swallow

Jan. Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Gregg & Linda Foltz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Sandy Garver, Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Dale Ford, David Martin

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt., Dianne Devore

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid, Donna Dash

Greeters:

8:00 - Karen Penn

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Sue Ann Cain