



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

January 5, 2025, 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)

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Northeast Food Pantry Donations

Thank you Central Christian Church for your generosity and support for the Northeast Community Food Pantry shopping cart in 2024. A great way to start the new year is to join together and support Northeast Community Food Pantry on January 12, 2025. Last month's donations totaled 150 pounds of nonperishable food items. Please place your food donation in the shopping cart in the Connection Café. Let's fill the cart!

Here are some suggestions for January: canned and pouches of chicken and tuna, soup, canned chili, canned fruit and vegetables, rice, canned spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, boxes with individual packages of oatmeal, cereal, elbow and spaghetti pasta, and applesauce. Please, be sure to check the expiration date. It is also a good idea not to donate items in glass packaging.

2025 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning February 2025, the following volunteers are needed:

- Central Preschool Host – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays each month from 8:30 – 12 noon (any or all 3 shifts) in the Children's Lobby. Hosts welcome children and their parents at "drop-off" time, man the desk during preschool hours/help with easy preschool tasks if requested and send off children and their parents at "pick-up" time.
- DOVE Clothing Room Host – 3rd Monday of each month from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the West Entrance. NO special training is needed! You are highly qualified if you have a welcoming smile and can direct shoppers to Room 407.

Central is fortunate to house our thriving Preschool and DOVE's Children's Clothing Room and we encourage your help in continuing these valuable community ministries. Please contact Sandy Garver at revrag@comcast.net or 217-454-2111 if you have questions or are interested in the above positions.

IT'S REWARDING TO VOLUNTEER – TRY IT!

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 a pastor know after worship.

_____ Snack Person _____ Greeter _____ Liturgist _____ Announcement Reader

Yes, I would like to volunteer in the checked area(s) above.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

- Snack Person- sets up & cleans up snacks for the service.
- Greeter- stands at the top of the stairs and greets people coming into the service.
- Liturgist- reads the Call to Worship and writes & reads the opening prayer.
- Announcement Reader- reads any important announcements that the pastors would like to have read.

----- **Please tear this portion off and put in the provided basket** -----

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.

***Responsive Reading**

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.

Serving Today, 1/5

Elder - Janet Lyman
Deacon - Angie & Ron Ingram
Greeter - Angie & Ron Ingram
Liturgist - Travis Wilcoxen
Snacks - Angie & Ron Ingram

Serving Next Sunday, 1/12

Elder - Tom Ritter
Deacon - Deb & Randy Trei
Greeter - Deb & Randy Trei
Liturgist - Rebecca Monroe
Snacks - Deb & Randy Trei