

Meditation

Jim Fitzpatrick

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Theresa Fulk

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

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 *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* No. 125

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

Postlude *People, Look East!* Kristina Langlois
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Divinum Mysterium*
arr. Daniel E. Gawthrop
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 119
(Chancel swags and Advent banners raised,
table wreath placed, and balcony wreath hung)

*Responsive Reading Charlotte Ballance

Leader: People of God, come and gather.
The Lord Himself has given us a promise of hope.

**People: "Behold, the young woman shall conceive
and bear a son and shall call His name Emmanuel."**

Leader: We come to worship this Emmanuel –
this God who is with us.

**People: Though struggles in life are real,
Emmanuel promises to lead us through them.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the God who fulfills
all promises and welcome the Christ who draws near.

**People: Let us worship the God who is faithful
and with us wherever we go.**

*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
(Sanctuary wreaths hung & Chrismon tree lit)

A Time for All God's Children Vicky Woolridge

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Prayer Hymn No. 127
Creator of the Stars of Night (vs. 1, 2)

Prayer for the Hanging of the Greens

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, David Williams

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, David Williams
(10:30) Anthem arr. Larry Shackley
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-14 Pg. 636 OT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

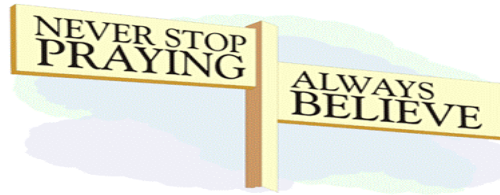
Sermon *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 387
Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

(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.)

Prayer List



Last updated 11/26/2025

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Debbie & Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
Mike & Carole Holbrook
Misty Mochel
Linda Kuhns
Don & Brenda Tankersley
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham
Dave Withrow
Karen McFadin
Larry & Debbie Foster
Shane Garver
Bill Moutray
Shovann Romero

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)
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)
Cameron Hauhe (grandson-in-law of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Bob Garrett (Randall Residence)
Dan & Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Don Boyd (The Loft of Rock Springs)
Yvonne Purcell (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)
Glen Dalluge

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)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Larry Baker (friend of Keith Backes & David Wagner)
Evelyn Drahovzal (friend of Charlotte Ballance)
Tina King (friend to many CCC members)
Sharyl Craggs (wife of Bob Craggs)
Curt & Malinda Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jim Story (friend of Maria Jacobs)
Tom & Jerry White (sister & brother-in-law of Joy Adams)
Sara Foreman (friend of Susan Bryant)
Kim Edwards (friend of Gale Barnes)
Deborah Stokes (Angie Ingram's stepmom)
Renee Spencer (daughter of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)
Jeff & Lori Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Dream (daughter of Unique Hess, friend of Janelle Beedle)
Pat Berry (friend of Angie Ingram)
Brett Moroney (grandson of Jeannie Rade)
Mary Schilling (sister of Susan Bryant)
JeanEva Smallwood (mother of Nanette Frank)
Joyce Wakeland (mother of Becky VanMeter)
Keyva Kingston (cousin of Carley & Jarrett Bednar)
Jeff & Sally Brown (friends of many CCC members)
Lynne Clark (daughter of Bob Sarver)
Lucy Rapp (granddaughter of K & J)
Mary Peck (friend of Keith Backes)
Jennifer Maddox (sister of Fran Rutherford)

Worship Extras
November 30, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-14 NRSVUE

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

First Sunday of Advent, 11/30

Leader: Awake! Awake!

People: Light breaks into our darkness.

Leader: The night is nearly over.

People: The day is almost here.

Leader: Awake! Awake!

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: We light this first candle of Advent – the candle of HOPE - to remind us that God is our source of hope, allowing us to see clearly and navigate the world more safely.

(lighting of the first candle)

Leader: Let us pray, O God of dawn and awakening, we come to you from the shadows of uncertainty and the long night waiting; from moments when joy feels distant and from places where peace feels like a memory.

People: Shine into our doubt. Scatter our shadows. Kindle the hope that flickers within, and with your spirit, bring it to life.

Leader: In your name we pray,

All: Amen.

Serving Schedule

Today, November 30, 2025

Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Theresa Fulk

November Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Carolyn & Tim Pistorius

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Peggy Carpunky, Gary Horvath

10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Bruce Campbell, Capt., Liz Campbell

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Hugh & Linda Rowden

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin

10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Charlotte Ballance

Next Sunday, December 7, 2025

Elders: Angie Ingram, Gail Prince

December Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Becky Johnston, Christine Lyman-Harm, Karen Penn*

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Dianne Devore, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Scott Bicknell, Diana Ritter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - David King, Capt., Nancy King

10:30 - Team 8 - Diana Ritter, David Sheffer

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne Devore, Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Suzie Miller, Brett Swallow

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn