

Meditation

Angie Ingram

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Gail Prince

*(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

No. 129

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates (vs. 1, 3, 4)*

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

*\*All who are able, please stand*

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# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Central Christian Church

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.*

Prelude                      *Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
                                    arr. Daniel Gawthrop  
                                    Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome                                      Michael E. Karunas

\*Introit                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Day Spring*

\*Opening Hymn    No. 130  
                                    *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* (vs. 1, 2, 5)

\*Responsive Reading    Ellen Hearn  
Leader: People of God, we are gathered to consider Jesus  
                                    as God's gift of peace:  
**People: We turn our hearts to God's peace**  
                                    **that requires us to change.**  
Leader: May we receive God's offering of peace -  
**People: The peace that happens within us**  
Leader: And the peace that we help bring into people's lives.  
**All: We seek to be Your Light and Peace in this world -**  
                                    **to be like Jesus.**

\*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

Dedication of Reagan Mae Shartzter

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Prayer Hymn                      *One Candle Is Lit* (vs. 1, 4)    No. 128

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response  
(10:30) Special music, Doug Blakey

Offertory Invitation

\*Doxology    No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

Scripture Reading                      Isaiah 40:1-8    Pg. 667 OT

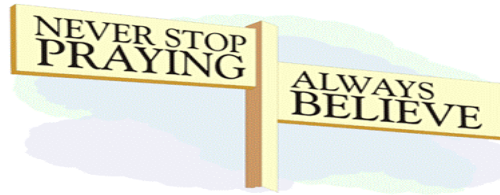
One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon    *Peace Comes...*    Melinda McDonald

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Communion Hymn    No. 134  
    *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
*(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 12/04/2025

## 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)  
Dixie June Govro (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)  
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)  
Don Boyd (The Loft of Rock Springs)  
Yvonne Purcell (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)  
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)

## 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)  
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  
December 7, 2025

Isaiah 40:1-8 NRSVUE

- 1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.  
3 **A voice cries out:**  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."  
6 A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
7 **The grass withers; the flower fades,**  
[[when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
8 **The grass withers; the flower fades,]]**  
but the word of our God will stand forever
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Lighting the Advent Candle

- L: Come, people of God, be ready to be made new.  
**P: May we bloom in this place and grow in the ways of God.**  
L: A shoot will spring up from the old stump of Jesse.  
**P: From humble beginnings, peace will rise.**  
L: We light this second candle of Advent – the candle of PEACE –  
to remind us that the peace of God is all around us.  
  
(lighting of the second candle)  
  
L: Let us pray, O God of branches and roots, you plant peace in the  
hardest soil, in the hearts of the enemies, in the corners of violence,  
and even in our own unrest and sinfulness.  
**P: Give us the courage to be your peacemakers, until it overflows in  
all creation. This we pray in your holy name,**  
**All: Amen.**

Serving Schedule

Today, 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

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Next Sunday, December 14, 2025

**Elders:** Tom Spry, Lea West  
**December Prep Deacons:** Donna Dash, Becky Johnston, Christine  
Lyman-Harm, Karen Penn\*  
**Offering Deacons:**  
8:00 - Sid Rohrscheib  
10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm  
**Ushers:**  
8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn, Charlotte Ballance  
10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt., Donna Dash  
**Greeters:**  
8:00 - Karen Penn  
10:30 - Larry & Michele Bafford  
**P.A. Operator:**  
8:00 - Bobby Munos  
10:30 - Keith Backes  
**Liturgist:** Sue Ann Cain