

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 14, 2025, 9:15 AM

**Central Christian Church** 

### **Advent Happenings for Central Families**

Advent Surprise Boxes are ready for children each Sunday during this season. Come and open a box to find a surprise gift from your church family inside, along with part of the Christmas story from the Bible, telling about Jesus' birth. They are located near the fish tank.



Advent Gift Bags have been given to families to enjoy during this season. If your family has not received yours yet, you may get it on Sunday when you come to worship or come by the church during the week. Inside you will find a Nativity/Christmas book to read together, a Christmas ornament and resources to help you prepare for Christmas.

**Sunday School** will be a little different this coming Sunday, December 14. We will meet in the Disciples Room following the kids singing during contemporary worship. We will have a short lesson on JOY, spend some time being creative and share a snack. On Sunday, December 21, we will have our regular Sunday School classes and celebrate Jesus' birthday.

On Christmas Eve we will have activity bags for children at both the 5pm contemporary service and the 7pm traditional service. They will have some activities and treats inside. We will also have battery candles if you would like one to light when we sing Silent Night.

**Our Nursery** for babies through children in kindergarten is available every Sunday for all three worship services. It will be available **on Christmas Eve** for the 7pm traditional service.

We hope that your family is finding some quiet moments during this Advent season to remember how much God loves you and to share that love with others.

#### **Central T-Shirts are Here!**

If you ordered a Central t-shirt, it is ready for you to pick up. They will be located in The Connection Café on Sundays. There will be someone there to get your shirt for you and mark our list that your shirt has been picked up. Thanks to everyone who ordered a Central T-Shirt.

# About our service:

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. Deposit your offering in the box on the north wall behind the worship area or text 217-212-2173 for text-to-give or visit <a href="https://www.cccdisciples.org">www.cccdisciples.org</a> to give online.

#### **MEDITATION TABLE:**

#### STONES & VASE

Stones represent 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**

Take one with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally.

#### SCRIPTURE CARDS

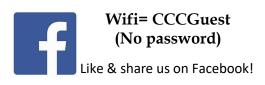
Take one and place it where you will see it throughout your week.

#### PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.

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.



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#### Isaiah 9:2 NRSVUE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

## Luke 2:10 NRSVUE

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

# **Lighting the Advent Candle**

- L: The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice!
- P: The desert shall burst forth with joy!
- L: Come, people of God, rejoice in the goodness of God.
- P: With joy, we prepare the way of Christ.
- L: We light this third candle of Advent the candle of JOY to remind us that even in the hardest and harshest of places, God's joy is emerging.

(lighting of the third candle)

- L: Let us pray, O God of surprising and sustaining joy, thank you for finding us in the wilderness places of our lives, where our hearts are tired and our days heavy.
- P: Open our eyes to the beauty already blooming among us and to rejoice with those who feel forgotten.

L: In your name we pray,

All: Amen.



Jesus Loves, Jesus Saves

# Serving Today, 12/14

Elder – Lea West Deacon – Laura Kappler Greeter – Cheryl & Dave Zollinger Liturgist – Rebecca Monroe Snacks – No snack table. Brunch offered.

# Serving Next Sunday, 12/21

Elder – Keela Neumann Deacon – Marci & Steve Baumann Greeter – Marci & Steve Baumann Liturgist – Marci Baumann Snacks – Marci & Steve Baumann