

Rev. Steve Fortenberry, Pastor
Melissa McDaniel, Chancel Choir Director
Mabeth Cortner & Scott Mitchell, Accompanists
Davis, Cherry, Organist
Kala Allen-Dunn, Flutist & Pianist
Haley Harrington, Trumpeter
David Herring, Percussionist
Leeann Bailey, Youth Handbell Director

Chancel Choir Members

Nora Beck
Mollie Boyd
Isabella Burton
Sherman Chaudoin
Gale Cherry
Betty Cook
Noelle Fortenberry
Rev. Steve Fortenberry
Jenny Franke
Phyllis Herring
Bebby Lewis
Stacey Menser
Lloyd Murdock
Becca Robards
Anita Talley
Nancy Taylor

*Central Presbyterian Church
Princeton, Kentucky
3rd Sunday of Advent*

Gathering Around the Word

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Steve Fortenberry

Prelude “Come On, Ring Those Bells”
The Youth Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship Mr. Gerry Baker

L: Into the dry and desolate places of our lives,
God brings salvation.

**P: The desert rejoices and blossoms,
the wilderness teems with life.**

L: Sorrow and sighing will flee:

P: let us come into God’s presence with singing!

*Hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” #104

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle
Lucy Stevens & Bebbby Lewis

Response “While We Are Waiting, Come” #92

**please stand if you are able*

***Bearing and Following the Word
Into the World***

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Fortenberry

*Congregational Response

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare Him room,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Postlude Toccata on Creator alme sidearm Pietro Yon

Youth Handbell Choir

Charlie Jagers

Ellie Simms

Brylee East

Hallie Blythe

Ellie Bailey

Ella Beshear

Lainey Beshear

Noah Bailey

Leeann Bailey, Director

Mabeth Cortner, Accompanist

Ladies Ensemble

Isabella Burton

Noelle Fortenberry

Jenny Franke

Phyllis Herring

Bebby Jagers

Melissa McDaniel

Stacey Menser

Anita Talley

Nancy Taylor

Scott Mitchell, Accompanist

The Seventh Lesson *Luke 2:8-20*

Laura Klubert, Reader
The Shepherds go to the manger

The Seventh Carol *"Still, Still, Still"*
The Chancel Choir

The Eighth Lesson *Matthew 2:1-11*
Noah Bailey, Reader
The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus

The Eighth Carol *"Gifts of the Magi"*
The Chancel Choir

The Ninth Lesson *John 1:1-14*
Ellie Ramey, Reader
Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation

**The Ninth Carol* *Hymn No. 133*
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
(omit stanza 2)

Unison Prayer of Confession

O promised Christ: We are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people.
Our pardon depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon,
and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Friends, believe the Good News.

P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination *Mr. Gerry Baker*

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 35:1-10*

Children's Message *Mrs. Leeann Bailey*

Anthem *"Come, Messiah King"* *The Ladies Ensemble*

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Rev. Fortenberry

Worship With Tithes & Offerings
"How Great Our Joy"
Davis Cherry, Organist & Kala Allen-Dunn, Pianist
The Doxology

A Festival of Lessons & Carols

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

Tom Klubert, Reader

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman
shall bruise the serpent's heel.*

The First Carol

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

The Chancel Choir

The Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Lainey Beshear, Reader

*God promises to a faithful Abraham that the nations
of the earth shall call his seed "blessed."*

The Second Carol

Hymn No. 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(verses 1, 2, 6 & 7)

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7

Janie Tomek, Reader

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

The Third Carol

"An Advent Proclamation"

The Chancel Choir & Congregation

Please sing when you are directed

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!*

The Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

Ellie Bailey, Reader

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

The Fourth Carol

"Amid the Cold of Winter"

The Chancel Choir

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35 & 38

Ella Beshear, Reader

The Angel Gabriel visits the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Fifth Carol

"Magnificat"

The Ladies Ensemble

The Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Diana McConnell, Reader

Saint Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus

The Sixth Carol

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

The Chancel Choir