

Order of Worship

December 1, 2024

Welcome to Central Christian Church!

We are so glad you're here this morning. Please feel free to participate in as much of the worship service as you would like to. Tables with coloring supplies for our younger Disciples (or anyone really) are available for use during the service.

Please take a few moments to fill out the bulletin insert so that we can stay in touch, answer questions you might have about getting involved, and pray for you. There will be an opportunity near the end of the service to place these slips in the offering tray.

Gathering for Worship

The Life of the Church

Prelude Jesu, Jesu

Call to Worship Sheena Jarvey

Please stand as you are able

Leader: The angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

People: In this season of waiting, we too hear the promise: The Lord is with us!

Leader: Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God. You will bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High.

People: We wait with hope, for the promise of God is sure, and His kingdom will have no end.

Leader: Mary said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

People: We come with open hearts and willing spirits, ready to receive the Christ who is coming.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who brings light to the darkness and fulfills God's promises.

People: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

Call to Worship by Rev. Amanda Gosik. Used with permission.

Opening Hymn 119
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Invocation Sheena Jarvey

The Lord's Prayer Sheena Jarvey

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples has many variations. Please use whatever words are closest to your heart, or follow along with the words on the screen. Then, be seated.

First Reading Sheena Jarvey
Isaiah 11:1-6

Lighting of the Advent Candle Comstock Family

Hearing the Word

Special Music Jerry Gosik
The Lord's Prayer

**Pastoral Prayer/
Prayers of the People** Pastor Mandy Gosik

Sermon Text Pastor Mandy Gosik
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Pastor Mandy Gosik
"Mary of Nazareth"

After the sermon, we share in a time of silent contemplation.

Invitational Hymn 537
My Hope Is Built

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Margaret Houge, Elder

Communion Prayer Margaret Houge, Elder

Use the bulletin insert to write down any joys or concerns for the elders to pray for in their weekly meetings, read aloud during the intercession in worship, and/or add to the congregational prayer chain.

Communion Hymn 386
We Come as Guests Invited

Invitation to the Table Pastor Mandy Gosik

All are welcome at Christ's Table. If you would like to receive communion, come forward row-by-row through the outside aisles as the hymn is being sung, placing offerings and bulletin slips in the tray as you do.

Hymn Played During Communion

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
By Beethoven, Arranged by Teresa Wilhelmi

Marjorie Kohler, Piano

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn 433
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Benediction Pastor Mandy Gosik

Postlude

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour immediately after worship.

Pray with Turkey

Heavenly Creator,
 We come to You with gratitude for the people of Turkey, especially those who have faced the devastation of natural disasters with unwavering resilience. We lift up the communities served by the Health and Education Foundation (SEV), asking for strength and healing for the children, families, and teachers affected by these challenges. Through Your grace, we have been able to support teachers from disaster-affected regions with trauma recovery programs, helping them guide their students and families through their healing journey. We pray that this vital work continues, touching even more lives.

As we work towards providing education and care to children like Yaman and Zeynep, who have overcome incredible hardships, we also ask for Your guidance in generating the resources needed to expand our programs. We seek Your blessing on the partnerships we hold dear, and we humbly ask for the continued support that will allow us to bring light to more students and teachers in need, offering hope and a path toward recovery and a brighter future. Amen

Today's Servants

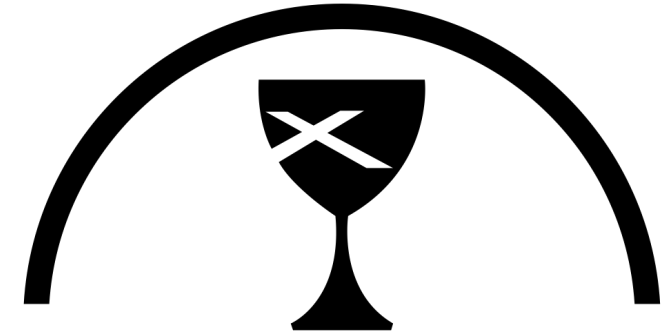
Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathleen McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Sheena Jarvey
Elder:	Margaret Houge
Preparing:	Barb Kakalecik
Greeters/Counters:	Lydia Comstock Kathy Asich
Tech Booth:	Clint & Margaret Houge
Grounds:	Mauri Novak

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **We are looking for a nursery attendant** for Sunday's during worship. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mandy. This will require a background check.
- ◆ **The annual congregational meeting will be on December 15.** This will be a time to vote on the 2025 budget and the slate of officers being presented by the nominating committee. Both of these items are available at the church for you to look at ahead of time. Thank you to the budget committee and the nominating committee for all of their work in getting these documents ready.
- ◆ **World Aids Day Service & Rock Dedication** will be held today at 2:00pm. This service is being planned by the Progressive Ministerial Alliance.
- ◆ **The Annual Lydia Cookie Sale** will be held on December 15th after worship. The funds raised will go toward our Mission Projects: YWCA, Helping Hands, etc. Also, Lydia Group is sponsoring "The Giving Tree" that will be put up in the fellowship hall. We invite everyone to bring items for Helping Hands Ministry. Hats, Gloves, Mittens, non-perishable food, toiletries, coats, gently used warm & clean clothing. Our next afternoon meeting will be Dec. 19th and the next evening meeting will be on December 17th.
- ◆ **December 18 at 6:00 pm Leigh Larson**, an ordination candidate in the Christian Church (DOC), will be offering a class: "Family, Politics, and Holidays". This will be a great way for you to navigate the holiday season when you are your family have very different views.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service will start at 7:00pm on Dec. 24th.**

Welcome to Worship!



First Sunday of Advent
 Luke 1:26-38
Mary of Nazareth
 December 1, 2024

Central Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)

*an inclusive people
 living God's radical love
 that challenges all to grow
 in faith and mission*

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