

Order of Worship

February 2, 2025

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 *Just As I Am* 339

Call to Worship Emily Comstock

Please stand as you are able

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, calling us to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, and sight to the blind.

People: **Today, the Scriptures are fulfilled in our hearing, and we gather to worship the One who brings salvation.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who speaks truth, who challenges, and who restores.

People: **We come with open hearts and minds, ready to receive the Word and walk in its light.**

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

Opening Hymn 284

Gather Us In

Invocation Emily Comstock

The Lord's Prayer Emily Comstock

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 Emily Comstock

Psalm 71:1-6

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn 340

Softly and Tenderly

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

Sermon Text Pastor Mandy

Luke 4:16-30

Sermon Pastor Mandy

"Hometown Boy"

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

Invitational Hymn 354

Seek Ye First

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Sheena Jarvey, Elder

Communion Prayer Sheena Jarvey, 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 429 v. 1, 4

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Invitation to the Table Pastor Mandy

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

Softly and Tenderly
Arranged by Roger House
Marjorie Kohler, Piano

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn 434 v. 1,4

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Benediction Pastor Mandy

Postlude

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

Prayers for India

God of the weak and the vulnerable, we adore and praise your name for great is your faithfulness unto us. We marvel at your Word which talks of your incarnation, identifying with us humans full of frailty. Your life and ministry inspire us to follow in your ways - to carry our crosses, to act justly, and to heal and build up communities. We are gathered before you to seek your wisdom and guidance as we enter and embrace the new year.

We pray, Lord, that you will give us your spirit of discernment as we navigate through challenging times - uncertainty staring into our faces, filling our hearts with fears and doubts as we struggle to keep up with the demands of our times, academically, socially, financially, and in all aspects of life. In all of this, we are overwhelmed, helpless, and powerless.

We pray, Lord, that you will give us your spirit of understanding and acceptance as we endeavour to make sense of our life. Teach us to love ourselves just as you have loved us and to treat ourselves and our neighbours with kindness and compassion.

We pray, Lord, that you will move us with your spirit so that we may live as your disciples, following in your footsteps, being a friend of the 'sick' and vulnerable in society, healing them, and inspiring them to be channels of your healing.

Amen

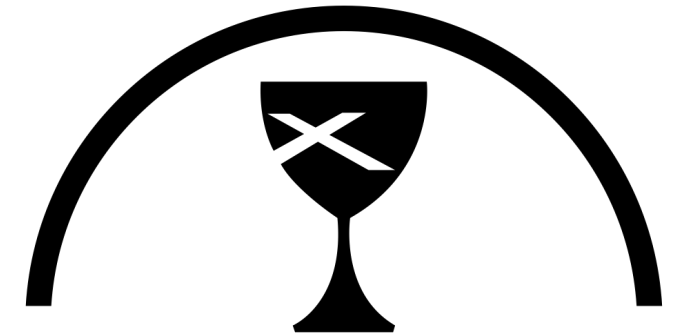
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Board Meeting** today after worship.
- ◆ **The ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)** meets every Sunday at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. Please join them if you are in need.
- ◆ **Financial Independence As Easy as 1, 2, 3** will be held on January 20 from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **Afternoon Lydia Group** will be held on January 20 at 1:30.

Today's Servants	
Accompanist:	Marjorie Kohler
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Emily Comstock
Elder:	Sheena Jarvey
Preparing:	Gary, Dennis & Louise Hill
Greeters/Counters:	Linda McCafferty Mauri Novak
Tech Booth:	Kevin & Linda McCafferty
Grounds:	Kevin McCafferty

Welcome to Worship!



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Luke 4:16-30
Hometown Boy
February 2, 2025

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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