

Communion Music                    ***Silent Night***                    arr. Noel Rawsthorne  
David Williams, organ

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

Postlude                                ***There's a Song in the Air***  
arr. Robert J. Powell  
David Williams, organ



# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)  
Decatur, Illinois  
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***Sunday, December 27, 2020***



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude ***The First Noel*** arr. Noel Rawsthorne  
David Williams, organ

Introit

Opening Music ***The First Noel (vs. 1, 2, 3)*** No. 151

\*Responsive Reading

Leader: Emerging from darkness we enter the LIGHT.

**People: His name is Emmanuel; God with us.**

Leader: Acknowledging our human frailty we seek the LIGHT.

**People: His name is Emmanuel; God with us.**

Leader: Receiving a new law we recognize the LIGHT.

**People: His name is Emmanuel; God with us.**

Leader: Living in comfort and joy we welcome the LIGHT.

**People: His name is Emmanuel; God with us.**

\*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

Children's Message

**PRAYER**

Prayer Hymn ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** No. 163

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

**PROCLAMATION**

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear***  
Allison Woolridge

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***Flip the Script***

**RESPONSE**

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music ***There's a Song in the Air*** No. 159  
*(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.)*

Meditation Tom Spry

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration  
*(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)*

## Questions for Reflection

In your life, when have you had an “Aha! Moment” that opened your eyes to a new way of living?

In the reading from Matthew 5 today, how does Jesus call us to change the way we relate to others, especially those with whom we have conflict?

Let’s continue what has been such a rich experience for us throughout Advent – a challenge to pray two prayers

1. For yourself – a prayer that God would reveal to you what needs to be released, where you can let go and trust God for something new in your life.
2. And second for the world. Pray that together, we can let go of old hurts, new offenses and be a part of something new and wonderful God wants to give to our nation and our world. Let’s pray for new healing in our world.

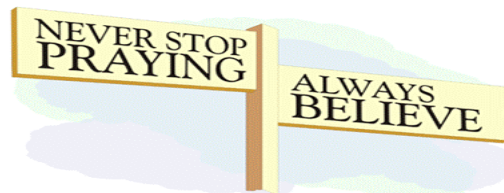
### **Notes:**



## Matthew 5:38-48 (NRSV)

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup> and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup> and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, <sup>[a]</sup> what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

# Prayer List



## Members

Howard Cravens  
Louise Boline  
Jean Booher  
Lawrence Turner  
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David Miller  
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Evelyn Sanders  
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## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)  
Claudine Nichols (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Warren Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Laura Sperry (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Irwin Soliday (Primrose)  
Billie Harmon (Randall Residence)  
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)  
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)  
Dottie Scholes (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Shirlee Johnson (Hickory Pt Christian Village)

## We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,  
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,  
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,  
Katy Taylor, Mitchell Lucas

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## Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)  
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)  
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Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)  
Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)  
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)  
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)  
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)  
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Chuck & Linda Doehring (cousins of Joy Adams)  
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Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)  
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Paul Barnes (father of Greg Barnes)  
Shawn Renfro (cousin of Diana Ritter)  
Dr. Albert "Albie" Gillman (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Rodger Marshall (cousin of Donna Dash)  
Kathy Crum (friend of Jean Maggioncalda)  
Kristin Hesse (friend of Karen Driver)  
Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden)  
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