

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

*Word in Song *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah* Handel

**All who are able, please stand*

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Hope for What's to Come

Advent 2021

Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

December 12, 2021

Michael E. Karunas **Tina Miller** **David Martin** **Ben Hawkinson**
Senior Minister Associate Minister Youth Director Int. Dir. of Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Noël Nouvelet* French carol
Dee Dee Gain, organ; Neal Smith & Randy Reyman, trumpets

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

Word in Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Opening Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* No. 124
(vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Tina Miller

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and
will not be afraid.

**People: For the Lord God is my strength and my might,
and has become my salvation.**

Leader: With joy, you will give thanks to the Lord
and call on God's name.

**People: We will sing to you our praises, O God, for you have
done glorious things.**

All: Let us worship God!

*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 Moment and Lighting of Advent Candle
Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 125

Pastoral Prayer

Spoken Word Based on Isaiah 12:2

Word in Song *Sanctus from St. Cecilia's Mass* Gounod
Spencer Domer, tenor

Spoken Word Based on Isaiah 11:1

Word in Song *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
arr. Hawkinson

Spoken Word Based on Luke 2:6-7

Word in Song *See Amidst the Winter Snow* Forrest

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn *Joy to the World* No. 143
(*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 Gretchen Kirby

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 12/10/2021

Members

Jean Booher
Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
Unique Hess
Evelyn Sanders
Gretchen Barron
Linda Kuhns
David Ash
Carol Wade
Morris Birkhead
David Poisel
Herb & Duff Knudsen
Bob & Pat O'Connell
Larry Pepper
Susie Bean
Tessa McCoy
Sarah, Chad, & Amelia Jennings

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)
Trysten Hall (son of Sheila & Charles Hall,
great-grandson of Lawrence & Sally Thicksten)
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter &
grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary
(great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)
Warren Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)
Doris Matey (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of
Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry &
Marla Winkleblack)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)

Friends & Family, continued

Dr. Albert "Albie" Gillman (friend of
Marci Baumann)
Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden)
Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)
Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Vicky McGorray (friend of Connie Bordner)
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Ronald & Harriette York (David York's parents)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
William Dayton Keyes (great-nephew of
Gale Barnes)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jeff Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)
Jackson (friend of Janelle Beedle)
Linda Doehring (cousin of Joy Adams)

Worship Extras December 12, 2021

Starter Question

Where was the unlikeliest place you encountered God's presence?

Highly Unlikely

God comes to us at Unlikely Times

Isaiah 12:2

When our back is up against the wall

Confidence (Con - Fide) - standing "in faith"

God comes to us at Unlikely Places

Isaiah 11:1

Stump - "worthless" part of the tree

House of Jesse - David was the unlikeliest of the options

God comes to us in Unlikely People

Luke 2:6-7

Jesus born in a manger?

The King of Kings born as a vulnerable baby in a dirty feedbox?

The Hiddenness of God (Martin Luther)

God comes in ways we do not expect

Shepherds were the first witnesses/evangelists

(not the kind of people associated with such prestige)



Isaiah 12:2 NRSV

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

Isaiah 11:1 NRSV

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Luke 2:6-7 NRSV

⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.