

\*Hymn                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      No. 155

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *Il Est Né*                      French Carol  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

*\*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 19, 2021*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.*

Prelude *Bell Carol* William Mathias  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

\*Opening Hymn *People, Look East* No. 142

\*Responsive Reading David Martin

Leader: Before the majesty of God, we gather to worship and come to hear God's promises.

**People: This is where we belong. This is where we are welcomed by God's grace.**

Leader: Before God's strength and power, we bow down and listen for God's Word.

**People: This is our home. This is where our lives are given direction and hope.**

Leader: Before the mercy of God, we anticipate a new vision.

**People: Surely God is preparing us for something special! Thanks be to 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

Responsive Reading No. 131

Prayer Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God (vs. 1, 3, 5)* No. 130

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Invitation

Special Music *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* French Carol  
arr. John Ferguson  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Serve and Follow*

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Communion Hymn *Christians All, Your Lord is Coming (vs. 1, 4)* No. 136  
*(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 Janet Lyman

Words of Institution

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

Communion Music

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.**

# Prayer List



Last updated 12/17/2021

## 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

## 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, 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## Worship Extras December 19, 2021

### Starter Question

If you didn't have the job you do (or had), what job would you have?

### SERVE and FOLLOW

Luke 1:26-38 - Annunciation (Gabriel's visit to Mary)

We can all find ourselves in Mary's story:

- Analytical, logical types
- Those for whom God doesn't speak "loud & clear"
- Those who sometimes worry about tomorrow

Story is about God more than Mary (or any of us)

- How God first comes in *peace*
- How God goes to great lengths to *encourage*

God desires that we:

- Serve (the greater will of God)
- Follow (believe that we can)

John the Baptist (Luke 3:7-18)

- Doesn't call us to a different life
- But calls us to live our lives different-ly!

*Be more honest with ourselves*

*Be more just, honest and fair in relationships with others*

*Be more kind and generous in all things*



### Luke 1:26-38 NRSV

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.