

Communion Music      *Stille Nacht*      arr. John Carter

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

\*Hymn      *Joy to the World*      No. 143  
*(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)*

Postlude      *Paeon on "Antioch"*      David Lasky  
David Williams, organist

*\*All who are able, please stand*

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Central  
Christian  
Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Decatur, Illinois

*December 25, 2022*

Michael E. Karunas    David Martin    Ben Hawkinson    Vicky Woolridge  
Senior Minister      Youth Director    Director of Music    Pastor for Families

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.*

Prelude *The First Nowell* Noel Rawsthorne  
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

\*Introit

\*Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 148

\*Responsive Reading Charlotte Ballance

Leader: Joy to the World! The Lord has come!

**People: Let us rejoice and give thanks as we celebrate again  
the gift of Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: May we receive anew this gift of Christ's presence  
among us and within us.

**People: May we be filled to overflowing with light and love,  
enough to share the good news.**

Leader: For the angel proclaimed, "I am bringing you good  
news of great joy for all the people, to you is born this  
day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah,  
the Lord."

**All: Joy to the World! The Lord has come!**

\*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

A Time for All God's Children Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Hymn *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 150

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Invitation Theresa Fulk

\*Doxology No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*  
arr. Charles Wood

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 Pg. 58 NT

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Readings & Reflections on the Meaning of Christmas*

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Communion Hymn No. 153

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

*(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.)*

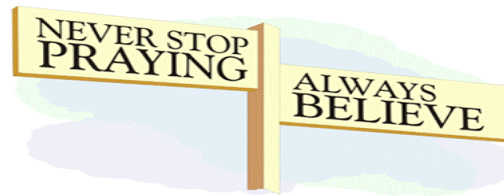
Meditation Dick Cain

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Matthew Swarthout

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

# Prayer List



Last updated 12/22/2022

## Members

Evelyn Sanders  
Gretchen Barron  
Larry Pepper  
Phyllis Morris  
Jill Johnson  
Lawrence Thicksten  
Maria Jacobs  
Shane Garver

## 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

Doris McArty (Imboden Creek)  
Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Nancy Turner (Imboden Creek)  
Barb Tyler (Imboden Creek)  
Merle Chapman (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)  
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)  
Bess King (The Glenwood)  
Bob & Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)  
Jean Booher (Primrose)  
Jean Goretzke (Primrose)  
Nancy Taylor (Primrose)  
Morris Birkhead (Villas at Hollybrook)

## Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Diane Lockwood (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Shannon Francisco (friend of Bob Smith)  
Jan Carpenter (mother of Karma Carpenter)  
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry &  
Marla Winkleblack)  
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)  
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)  
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)  
Harriette York (mother of David York)  
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)  
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)  
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)  
Linda & Wayne Mollohan (friends of  
Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Mark Demoulin (son of Jahala Demoulin)  
Bob & Jane Campbell (brother & sister-in-law  
of Bruce Campbell)  
Maya Anthony (friend of Liz Campbell)  
Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot)  
Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda)  
Karen Roppa (friend of Donna Dash)  
Marge Smika (friend of Donna Dash)  
Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash)  
Sonna Livasy (friend of Donna Dash)  
Sharon Phillips (friend of Chris & Al Fagin)  
Keith Osborne (brother of Jan Dobbs)  
Tom & Betty Smith (friends of Maria Jacobs)  
Shannon Borntrreger (son of Kathy Kauzlarich)

**Worship Extras**  
**December 25, 2022**

**Luke 2:1-7 NRSVUE**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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 in the guest room.

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**Serving Schedules**  
**No 8:00 AM Service!**

**Elders:** Dick Cain & Matthew Swarhout  
**December Prep Deacons:** Becky Johnston & Karen Penn  
**Offering Deacons:**  
10:30 - Audrey Miller & Andrea Shartzter  
**Ushers:**  
10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Bill Modlin  
**Greeters:**  
10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk  
**P.A. Operator:**  
10:30 - Keith Backes  
**Liturgist:** Janet Lyman

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**Next Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**No 8:00 AM Service!**

**Elders:**  
10:30 - Brett Swallow & Karen Wade  
**January Prep Deacons:** Gregg & Linda Foltz  
**Offering Deacons:**  
10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm & Tom Ritter  
**Ushers:**  
10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Gretchen Kirby  
**Greeters:**  
10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz  
**P.A. Operator:**  
10:30 - Mike Kirby  
**Liturgist:**  
10:30 - Charlotte Ballance