

Elder's Meditation Elder Janet Lyman

Words of Institution Don Martin

Prayer of Consecration Elder Mary Jane Linton
(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation. You may eat the Bread as it is passed, but hold the Cup to drink together.)

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.

Benediction

*Recessional *Come, Christians, Join to Sing (vs. 1)* No. 90

Postlude *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

(Please remain in your pews until the Acolytes have left the aisle.)

**All who are able, please stand*



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois
www.cccdisciples.org

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Michael E. Karunas
Senior Minister

Don Martin
Minister of Music

Tina Miller
Associate Minister of
CE and Family Life

David Martin
Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude **Aria** Georg Philipp Telemann
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*The Processional **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun** No. 95

*Responsive Reading David Wagner

Leader: In the image of Christ we are created;

People: In the spirit of Christ we are knit together.

Leader: In the body of Christ we are reborn;

People: In the love of Christ we are reconciled.

Leader: The kingdom of Christ is not of this world;

People: We listen to the truth of Christ's kingdom.

Leader: Come, let us sing Hosanna to God-

People: Whose fullness in Christ was pleased to dwell,

All: whose fullness in us desires to live!

*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 Tina Miller

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn **Fairest Lord Jesus** No. 97

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

(If you want someone to pray with you after this service, please meet an Elder in the church gallery just to your right as you leave the sanctuary)

Offertory Invitation

Offertory **Sicilienne** Maria-Theresia von Paradis
Dee Dee Gain, organ

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION

Anthem **Simple Gifts/Pachelbel's Canon** arr. Donald Moore
Chancel Choir; Luc Longcor, violin

Scripture Reading **John 18:33-38** Michael E. Karunas
(pg. 113 N.T.)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **Choosing Christ**

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion **In Remembrance of Me** No. 403
(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.)

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, November 25, 2018

Deacons:

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
- 10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale & Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Andy Fulk, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

Ushers:

- 8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar
- 10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Capt., Doug Soebbing

Greeters:

- 8:00 - Gene & Sandy Garver
- 10:30 - Dennis & Ronda Spencer

Acolytes:

- 10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Amilia Bradfield

P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Donna Dash
- 10:30 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

David & Cheryl Zollinger, Yvonne Purcell

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 25, 2018

- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, GH
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, GH

Monday (26)

- 5:00-Veterans, Great Hall
- 5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
- 6:00-Financial Peace University, DR

Tuesday (27)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
- 9:00-Fluffing of the Greens, DR
- 11:45-Preschool Staff Meeting, 170
- 1:30-Millikin Class, 240
- 2:30-BT: Strategic Planning Mtg, DR
- 5:15-Advent Bible Study, 240
- 6:30-Heart & Soul, Choir Room & CC

Wednesday (28)

- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, FC
- 2:30-Prayer Shawl Meeting, DR
- 5:30-Church Council Business Mtg, Disciples' Room

Thursday (29)

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 11:45-CINC, Disciples' Room
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (30)

- 5:00-Setup for Christmas Craft Workshop, Great Hall

Saturday (1)

- 8:00-Children's Craft Workshop
- 9:00-Fluffing of the Greens, DR
- 9:00-Neighborhood Cleanup

Sunday (2)

ADVENT DAY 1

HANGING OF THE GREENS

- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, GH
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Worship Service
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Sunday School Classes	Floor	Room
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed before the 8:00 and 10:30 services. All you have to do is arrive 15 minutes before the service and stand at the bottom of the steps by the main entrance. Your job is to welcome members and guests. If you are currently serving as greeter and want to change your schedule, please call the church office. If you would like to become a greeter, please let the office know at 217-428-4336.

Come Home for Christmas

We would like to invite everyone to celebrate Come Home for Christmas on Dec 16. Immediately after the 8:00 service, we will offer breakfast in the Friendship Area. We will also offer breakfast in the Great Hall for those attending the 9:00 service. Finally, we will serve lunch in the Great Hall immediately following the 10:30 service. Please sign up on the pew pads by indicating "Come Home", which meal you will attend, and how many in your party. Also you can call the church office for reservations. Please sign up by December 10.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will be located in the Connection Café this year. Prior to the tree being put up, if you would like to donate items we will have a collection box in the Friendship Center. Help make this Christmas a warm one for a child in need. Please bring winter mittens, scarves, gloves, hats, and socks. Hang them on our mitten tree between December 2 and December 21. Our donations will go to underprivileged children in Decatur!

Baby Dedications December 16

While we are willing to plan for a baby dedication at times throughout the year that are convenient for families of newborns, we are also designating Sunday, **December 16** as a date for a **Service of Blessing and Dedication** for families and children. Any family with a child born in the last year is invited to have them dedicated and blessed that day. We will work with family preferences and perform this blessing and dedication at the service of their choice (8:00, 9:00 or 10:30).

Please contact Michael (mkarunas@cccdisciples.org) or Tina (tmiller@cccdisciples.org) and let them know your intentions.

Advent Book Study

5:15 – 6:30 Tuesday in room 240
November 27, December 4, 11, 18
Preparing for Christmas Daily Meditations for Advent by **Richard Rohr**
Order your copy online at <https://store.cac.org/products/preparing-for-christmas?>
Group convened by Don Martin

Hanging of the Greens

Preparation for Hanging of the Greens will be both Tuesday Nov. 27 and Saturday Dec. 1 at 9:00 am. All church members are invited to help with this special time of the year. Men, we always need your muscles. If you have questions, contact Donna Dash.

Women's Book Club

12/10 - 12:30 pm & 12/11 - 5:30 pm
Title: *A Lancaster County Christmas* by **Suzanne Woods Fisher**

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Anthem *Simple Gifts/Pachelbel's Canon*

Music: Traditional Shaker Tune and Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel
Words: Shaker hymn
Arrangement: Donald Moore

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
till by turning, turning we come round right.

Alleluia.

DORCAS will CELEBRATE the SEASON!

All Central women are invited to celebrate this holiday season at Tuscan Restaurant on Saturday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. Claudia Quigg will present a short program on our new "Central Loves Babies" ministry followed by lunch. We'll order off the menu and pay individually. At the luncheon we'll have an opportunity to make monetary donations to this year's Dorcas Christmas recipient, "God's Shelter of Love". The Shelter is a faith-based emergency shelter for homeless families, women and children in Central Illinois. It is funded 100% by donations from churches, businesses, community groups and individuals, plus proceeds from its retail thrift store, Blessingdales. Monetary donations can also be placed in the Dorcas mailbox in the church office, with checks made out to Dorcas Disciples. Dorcas will forward one check to the Shelter after the December 8th luncheon. Thank you in advance for your caring donations. Please contact Nancy Ellen Taylor at 877-2495 or xstr@sbcglobal.net by Wednesday, December 5th to make your reservation for the Christmas Luncheon. HOPE TO SEE YOU!

Food Collection

The food collection for December 2nd is cereal & canned fruit .
As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café.
Thank you for your generous giving.