

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** No. 119
(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.)

Elder's Meditation Elder Laura Chapman

Words of Consecration Tina Miller

Prayer of Consecration Elder Judy Ford
(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 **The Holly and the Ivy** arr. Edward Broughton
David Williams, piano

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 **People, Look East (vs. 1 & 4)** No. 142

Postlude **A French Noel "Quittez Pasteurs"** Leon Roques

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

**All who are able, please stand*



Hangings of the Greens Service



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

www.cccdisciples.org

Sunday, December 2, 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
First Sunday of Advent

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***From Heaven to Earth I Come*** Johann Pachelbel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit ***Keep Your Lamps!*** arr. Andre Thomas
Men's Chorus

*The Processional ***Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*** No. 129

*Responsive Reading Jan Dobbs

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God's
royal son?

All: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the
eternal Christ?

All: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living,
ever green.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

All: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death and
resurrection.**

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of
God?

All: **By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the
saving work of God.**

One: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the
world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!**

*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 ***like a child*** No. 133

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Chancel Choir

*(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 1. ***Fanfare for Christmas Day*** Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir; David Bottom & Wayne Rutherford, Trumpets

2. ***Sing Gloria*** Katherine Davis

Women's Chorus

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Lighting the Advent Candle Leo and Claudia Quigg

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:9-11 Don Martin

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Anthem ***Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain*** Carolyn Jennings

Chancel Choir; Children; Jeannie Rade, Bells

Meditation Michael Karunas

Sermon ***Hanging of the Greens***

Changed by Christmas

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, December 2, 2018

Deacons:

- 10:30 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
- 10:30 - Team 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Charlotte Ballance, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Bobby Munos, Brad Munos, Becky Johnston, Carolyn McCall

Ushers:

- 10:30 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn
- 10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver

Greeters:

- 10:30 - Merle Chapman, Laura Chapman, Keith & Jeannie Backes, Randy & Shirley Brooks

Acolytes:

- 10:30 - Luke Karunas, Zedekiah Auten

P.A. Operator:

- 10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

- Jan Dobbs, Ron Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 2, 2018

ADVENT 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
- 12:00-Nursery Staff Meeting
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, GH
- 4:00-Youth Group

Monday (3)

- 11:00-Operations Meeting, CR
- 5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
- 6:00-Financial Peace University, DR

Tuesday (4)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 10:30-Staff Meeting, CR
- 1:30-Millikin Class, 240
- 5:15-Advent Bible Study, 240
- 6:30-Heart & Soul, Imboden Creek

Wednesday (5)

- 10:15-Preschool Chapel, FC
- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting

Thursday (6)

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
- 6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples' Room
- 6:30-Decatur Needle Arts, 207
- 7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (7)

Saturday (8)

Sunday (9)

ADVENT 2

- 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
- Millikin Chamber Symphony**
- 12:00-Congregation Meeting, GH
- 2:00-Faith Quest Intro, 240
- 4:00-Youth Group
- 6:00-Just Flicks, FPC



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

Congregational Meeting on 12/9

Following the 10:30 service on December 9, we will have a congregational meeting in the Great Hall for the purpose of considering a roster of church leaders and operating budget for 2019. Stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a copy of both the 2019 proposed church operating budget and the list of church leaders proposed for 2019. Both items require congregational approval on December 9.

Heart and Soul Carol Sing

Tuesday December 11, 7:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Come to hear **Heart and Soul** present their Christmas carols for you.
Join in the singing and festivities.
Bring your friends.

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! Thank you for your generous giving.

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.

Good Samaritan Lunch

Good Sam is coming up on the 8th of December. We need 4 to 6 people to help prepare at 8:00am to 11:00am, and 12 to 14 people to serve and clean-up after from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to stay after 1:00 to have a meal.

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center, email central@cccdisciples.org or call the church office at 217-428-4336.

Central Christian Church Note Cards

will be sold in the Fellowship area on Dec 16th between services.

The cards are being donated by Dorcas and proceeds will go to the Central Christian Pre- School. The cards depict Central scenes and are 25 for \$5.00 until they are sold out.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Introit ***Keep Your Lamps!***

Words and Music: Spiritual
Arrangement: Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Offertory ***Fanfare for Christmas day***

Music: Martin Shaw

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Sing Gloria

Words: John Cowley

Music: Katherine K. Davis

The shepherds sleep among the sheep, all silent they lie,
When clear and strong there comes a song from angels on high.
Sing Gloria in excelsis! Jesus is born!

Now hark and hear this word of cheer, and be not afraid.
In humble guise the infant lies, in a manger laid.

The shepherds heard the wondrous word the angels did sing,
And travelled then to Bethlehem to worship the king.

We follow them to Bethlehem, our Savior to greet.
Our hearts we bring, an offering to lay at His feet.

Anthem ***Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain***

Words: adapted from Isaiah 40

Music: Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold your Lord comes to you.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms.
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold your Lord comes to you.
He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal, he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold your Lord!
He will come in power, He will rule with mercy and truth.
Hope of all the nations, Light of all.
He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms.
Love and trust him as a child, behold your Lord comes to you.