

Sermon

From Darkness to Light

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion ***Blessed Be the God of Israel*** No. 135
(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 Andy Fulk

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Mark Beal
(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 ***Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 140

Postlude ***A Welsh Carol*** arr. Thomas Schmutzler
(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, December 8, 2019

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Senior Minister

Don Martin
Minister of Music

Tina Miller
Associate Minister of
CE and Family Life

David Martin
Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude *A Joyous Carol* Leon Roques
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*The Processional *Come, O Long-expected Jesus* No. 125

*Responsive Reading Claudia Quigg

Leader: In Advent we celebrate God's gift of a new beginning.

People: We praise you, O God of new beginnings, for turning despair into hope.

Leader: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

People: We praise you, O God, for bringing cosmos out of chaos.

Leader: In the beginning the Word was with God, chasing the darkness into day.

People: We praise you, O God, for bringing light out of night.

All: Let us bear witness to the light that was with God in the beginning. Let us bear witness to the light that became flesh in Jesus Christ.

*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

Lighting the Advent Candle

Gregg & Linda Foltz

One: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious God, help us prepare not only our homes but also our hearts and lives for the coming of Emmanuel. Let us make the way straight, that Christ may come to us in the fullness of time and fulfilling his purposes among us. And may these candles remind us to wait for him and witness to him. In your name we pray, Amen.

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 1, 2)* No. 124

Pastoral Prayer Don Martin

Prayer Response *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 4)* No. 124
(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 *Joseph's Lullaby* Millard/Bannister
Bob Craggs

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION

Anthem *Everywhere I Go* arr. Larry Shackley
Chancel Choir; David Williams, tenor

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:2-7* Michael E. Karunas
(pg. 638 O.T.)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, December 8, 2019

CHURCH CALENDAR



Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Andy Fulk & Mark Beal
9:00 - Mark Beal

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
9:00 - Matt Walwer
10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale Ford, Jeannie Rade, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Cindy Grabowski, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce Campbell, Liz Campbell
10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

Greeters:

8:00 - Norm & Darla Lienemann
9:00 - Gay Helgemo
10:30 - Jon & Jane French

Acolytes:

10:30 - Zedekiah Auten & Peyton Swarthout

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Pat Penhallegon
10:30 - Jim Hinze

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Claudia Quigg
9:00 - Laura Chapman

Hospitality:

9:00 - Deb Trei

Tech:

9:00 - Jodie Walwer & Mike Tanzyus

| 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 |

Sunday (8)

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal
4:00-Youth Group
NO Just Flicks

Monday (9)

9:00-Good Samaritan
12:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes
6:00-Girl Scouts, Troop #3262, Disciples Room

Tuesday (10)

9:00-Christcare Stitchers, 207
5:30-Women's Book Club, Panera
6:30-Heart & Soul Choir at Primrose
7:00-Millikin Heights, Disciples Room

Wednesday (11)

10:15-Preschool Chapel, Friendship Center
10:30-Ministers' Meeting
5:00-Elders' Meeting, Disciples Room
7:30-Chancel Choir with Orchestra

Thursday (12)

10:00-Alanon, 240
6:00-Brass Choir, Chancel
7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (13)

Saturday (14)

Sunday (15)

Come Home for Christmas/Symphony Sunday

8:00-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:00-Come Home for Christmas Brunch, Friendship Center
9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
10:30-Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00-Come Home for Christmas Lunch, Great Hall
NO Praise Team rehearsal
3:00-Youth Group Caroling
4:00-Youth Group Christmas party, Great Hall



Hannah Brimmer, our social media coordinator, would love to be Facebook friends with you! Please friend request Hannah.

Christmas Gift Cards

From 12/1–12/15, we will be collecting donations to the new “Christmas Gift Card” program. Every year, our pastors are made aware of families in our own congregation and our immediate community who need extra help providing the Christmas they dream of for their loved ones. If you contribute to this program, the pastoral staff will use the funds to purchase grocery, gas, and shopping gift cards. They will then distribute them to families who could use a “helping hand” this Christmas season. If you would like to contribute, mark “**Emergency Fund – Gift Cards**” on your check or envelope, and if you know of someone who could benefit from such a “helping hand,” please let Michael, Don, or Tina know.

Note: when making financial contributions online, follow these easy steps:

- 1 - Go to www.cccdisciples.org and click on “GIVE” in the upper right corner
- 2 - Under “My Donation” when given the option to “choose a fund” select “other”
- 3 - In the field offering the option to provide more detail, type: *Emergency Fund – Gift Cards*

Come Home for Christmas Brunch & Lunch

We would like to invite everyone to celebrate Come Home For Christmas on December 15th. Immediately after the 8:00 AM service, we will offer breakfast in the Friendship Center area. We will also offer breakfast in the Great Hall to those attending the 9:00 AM service. Finally, we will serve lunch in the Great Hall immediately following the 10:30 AM service. Please sign up on the pew pads by indicating “Come Home.” Include which meal you will attend and how many are in your party. You may also call the church office for reservations or email central@cccdisciples.org. Please RSVP by December 11th.

Heart and Soul Carol Sing

Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00 PM, in the Great Hall

Please come and bring your friends to share in the music of Christmas presented by the Heart and Soul Choir. There will also be a time of carol singing for you to enjoy. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Special Services– Mark your calendar!

December 15th - “Come Home for Christmas” Sunday & Symphony Sunday. Brunch & Lunch served after services. Millikin Decatur Symphony Orchestra performs.

December 22nd - “Bring a Bell” Sunday. Bring a bell with you to worship.

December 24th - Christmas Eve services at 5:00pm (Contemporary) & 7:00pm (Traditional). 6:30 pm - Harp Concert & Children’s Craft.

About Today’s Music

Offertory *Joseph’s Lullaby*

Words and Music: Bart Millard and Brown Bannister

Go to sleep my son, this manger for your bed.
You have a long road before you, rest your little head.
Can you feel the weight of your glory, do you understand the price?
Or does the Father guard your heart for now so you can sleep tonight?
Go to sleep my son, go and chase your dreams.
This world can wait for one more moment. Go and sleep in peace.
I believe the glory of heaven is lying in my arms tonight.
Lord, I ask that, He for just this moment, simply be my child.
Go to sleep my son. Baby, close your eyes.
Soon enough you’ll save the day, but for now dear child of mine,
Oh, my Jesus, sleep tight.

Anthem *Everywhere I Go*

Words and Music: Traditional Christmas Spiritual *Somebody Talkin’ ‘bout Jesus*
Arrangement: Larry Shackley

Everywhere I go, everywhere I go my Lord,
everywhere I go, somebody talkin’ ‘bout Jesus.
They turned away Mary and Joseph from the inn, - somebody talkin’ ‘bout Jesus,
A baby born in Bethlehem, - somebody talkin’ ‘bout Jesus.
Born of the Virgin Mary, - somebody talkin’ ‘bout Jesus,
Born on a Christmas morning, - somebody talkin’ ‘bout Jesus.
Somebody talkin’ ‘bout – Wonderful Counselor
Somebody talkin’ ‘bout – He’s the mighty God
Somebody talkin’ ‘bout – the everlasting Father
Somebody talkin’ ‘bout – and He’s the Prince of Peace.
Somebody talkin’ ‘bout Jesus.

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- “Like” our pages (Central Christian Contemporary Worship/Central Christian Church)
- “Follow” our pages (click on the ellipse and then select “Follow”)
- Silence your phone, but please use it to:
 - Take pictures and video
 - Share to our Facebook page (and yours!)

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