

The Central Visitor

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Changing Lives, Delivering Hope*

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SUNDAY, December 22, 2019
WORSHIP AT 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP AT 9:00 a.m.
Dreams Repeat What is Best
Text: Isaiah 11:1-9
Michael E. Karunas

Christmas Eve

Blanketed by the Love of Christ
Communion and Candlelight Services

Contemporary Worship	5:00 pm
Harp Concert <small>Children's Crafting</small>	6:30 pm
Traditional Worship	7:00 pm

Join Us!

Central Christian Church 650 W. William Street Decatur, IL
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Preschool News

Our week got off to a slow start with a snow day for the preschool. Then the students got back to work putting the finishing touches on gifts for their parents. Some students baked, while others sang Christmas carols to the staff throughout the church. Each class had their own special party, and we sent the families off with well wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

-Jennifer Van Dyke, Director

Children's Message at all Christmas Eve services.
Children: Bring your favorite Blanket to Christmas Eve!

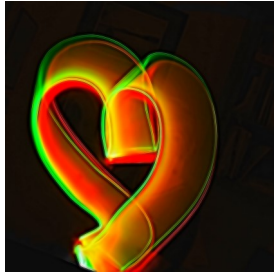
"Come They Told Me": 2019 Christmas Special Offering

As partners in ministry, the Regional Church and local congregations work together. The staff and volunteers of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin serve local congregations and their leaders in the following ways: Starting new churches, providing youth activities including camp experiences, leading anti-racism training, offering mission opportunities, promoting transformation and helping with communication. Thank you for sharing your gifts. 100% of these offerings go to support CCIW ministries. We will receive these offerings this Sunday, 12/22.

Chalice Class

Title: Exclusion and Embrace
Focus: Even as we look forward to seeing family and friends at Christmas, many of us also dread some of these encounters. What does it mean to truly embrace someone, and why is it sometimes difficult? As Christians, how do we embrace those whom we would rather exclude?





**Reclaim Your Glow
Women's Conference
Save the Date!**

January 31st & February 1st,
2020

Registration information coming
soon.



Food Collection

The food collection for January 5th will be canned soup and cereal. The shopping cart is located in the Connection Café for your convenience.



Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes...?

Do you have a new address? Did you change cell phone numbers? Did you decide to change your email address? What about changes for the prayer list, including members of military or those in assisted living or nursing homes? Remember to call the church office with any changes to your information so that we can stay in touch. We also offer email versions of the Visitor. Just ask!

Advent Reflections

Christmas is about the incarnation. It is about God becoming human and dwelling among us – so that we, who are human, might one day live eternally with God. One of the more poignant Advent poems (meant to be sung as a hymn) that I have come across is an English carol from the Middle Ages. It anticipates Christmas Eve, for which we are preparing next week, and it speaks to the essence of the incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas.



*The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay,
And in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the scriptures say.
And then in Eden's Paradise he placed him to dwell,
That he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well.*

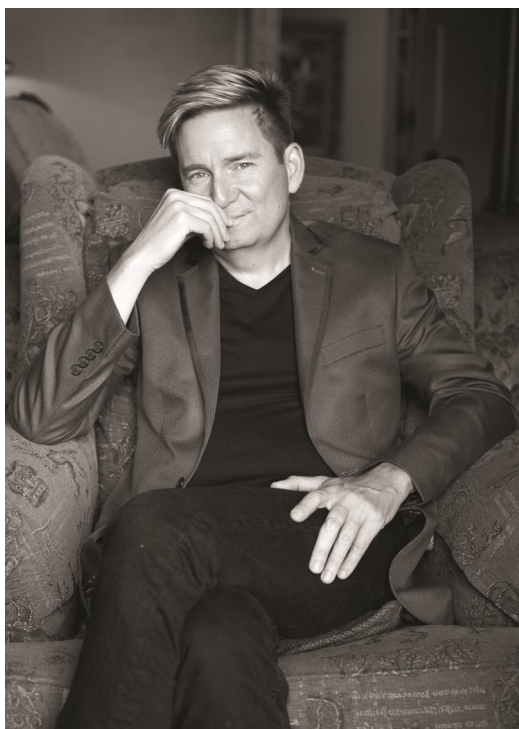
*Now mark the goodness of the Lord which he for mankind bore;
His mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore:
And then, for to redeem our soul from death and hellish thrall,
He said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all.*

*Now let good Christians all begin
A holy life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be,
For this is Christmas Eve.*

*Now for the blessings we enjoy, which are from heaven above,
Let us renounce all wickedness and live in perfect love:
Then shall we do Christ's own command, e'en his own written word;
And when we die, in heaven shall enjoy our living Lord.*

*And now the tide is nigh at hand, in which our Savior came;
Let us rejoice and merry be in keeping of the same:
Let's feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave
Then when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have.*

*Now let good Christians all begin
A holy life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be,
For this is Christmas Eve.*



New Year's Eve Concert

Tuesday, December 31st

7:30 PM

Randy Elkins, organ

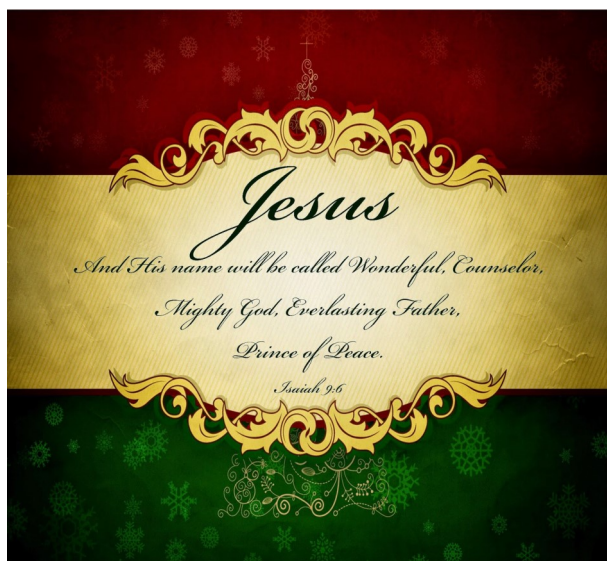
Randy Elkins is Director of Music at Virginia-Highland Church, a staff organist at both the Plaza and Strand Theatres and House Organist at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, all in Atlanta, GA. He often performs pre-show organ pops concerts for movies and accompanies silent movies. His silent movie repertoire includes several Charlie Chaplin comedies as well as the famous horror films The Phantom of the Opera and Nosferatu.

Randy is responsible for the relocation of several major, historic pipe organs, most notable to date - the monumental Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ relocated from New York City's Trinity Wall Street (Episcopal) to Johns Creek United Methodist Church in Johns Creek, GA.

Elkins teaches music as a tool for good health - helping cope with arthritis and warding off dementia for the elderly - by exercising the brain and the fingers. He is also actively coaching and mentoring a coterie of young professional singers, actors, and church musicians in Atlanta.

In Sympathy We Mourn

We grieve with the family of Kim Teschner the occasion of Kim's passing on Tuesday, December 17. A funeral service will be held for Kim at Central on Monday, December 23. Visitation will be take place between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1 p.m. Kim will be laid to rest next to her parents, both long-time members of Central as well, at Mt. Gilead cemetery. Thank you for lending your spiritual support.



Sunday (22)

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
NO Youth Group

Monday (23)

NO PRESCHOOL

5:30-Bowling, Spare Time Lanes

Tuesday (24)

NO PRESCHOOL

5:00-Contemporary Service
6:30-Harp Concert
6:30-Kids Crafts
7:00-Traditional Service & Children's Programs

Wednesday (25)

NO PRESCHOOL

CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday (26)

NO PRESCHOOL

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

Friday (27)

Saturday (28)

Sunday (29)

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Counting On You

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Worship Attendance = 412

Sunday School & Small Groups = 71

Serving Schedule—Sunday, December 22, 2019

Elders:

8:00 & 10:30 - Dick Cain & David Wagner
9:00 - David Wagner

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert,
Al & Chris Fagin, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
9:00 - Kathy Matherly
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 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Jerry & Susie Bean, Karen Penn
10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller, Ron Oliver, Bill Modlin

Greeters:

8:00 - Jim & Debbie Hoffert
9:00 - Laura Chapman
10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

Acolytes:

10:30 - Jane & Emmy Osman

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

Ride Share Drivers:

8:00 & 9:00 Services & Sunday School - Mark Beal 433-6081
Sunday School and 10:30 service - Brett Swallow 433-7488

Liturgist:

8:00 & 10:30 - Zach Martin
9:00 - Deb Trei

Hospitality:

9:00 - Cheryl Zollinger

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

Main Entrance Door Hosts:

December 23 8:30-12:00 - None
December 24 8:30-12:00 - None
December 25 8:30-12:00 - None
December 26 8:30-12:00 - None
December 27 8:30-12:00 - None

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David Williams.....Organist
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Yvonne Boyd.....Administrative Assistant
Hannah Brimmer.....Social Media Coordinator
Gabrielle Coulthard.....Nursery Attendant
Maddie Genz.....Nursery Attendant
Cheryl WilliamsNursery Attendant
Kattina WilliamsNursery Attendant
Jennifer Van Dyke.....Preschool Director
Paula Partain.....Teacher Assistant
Lisa Coates.....Preschool Teacher
Amber Marshall.....Preschool Teacher
Diana Murray.....Preschool Teacher
Stephanie Nihiser.....Preschool Teacher
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