

## PROCLAMATION

Anthem **Star Carol** John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading **Revelation 21:1-5** Tina Miller  
(pg. 259 N.T.)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Christmas: It's Not Just About 'Git R Done'**

## RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship  
\*Hymn of Communion **Angels We Have Heard on High** No. 155  
*Ring your bells as you sing "Gloria"*

*(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 Janet Lyman  
Words of Institution 8:00 Don Martin  
10:30 Tina Miller

Prayer of Consecration Elder Laura Chapman  
*(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 **Go Tell It on the Mountain (vs. 1 & 2)** No. 167

Postlude **Il Est Né** French Carol  
*(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  
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**Sunday, December 24, 2017**

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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**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude **Noël** Louis-Claude Daquin  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**  
Brass Choir

\*The Processional **O Come, All Ye Faithful** No. 148

\*Responsive Reading Scott Woolridge

Leader: Our God is among us. Be not afraid.  
**People: Our pride may be shattered; God comes as a babe.**  
Leader: Our God is among us. Be not afraid  
**People: Our thrones may be emptied, the meek be made great.**  
Leader: Our God is among us. Be not afraid.  
**People: Our families may quarrel, our friends may forsake us.**  
Leader: Our God is among us. Be not afraid.  
**All: O Child of God, come among us, we pray;  
We thank you, God, for the sign of Emmanuel.  
Lead us to the place where we might find God with us.**

\*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 Michael E. Karunas

Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:00 Gregg & Linda Foltz  
10:30 Steve and Carrie Funk and Family

**Litany:**

Reader: The journey to Bethlehem continues as we light a fourth candle:  
the candle of love.

**All: Immanuel, come to us in love.**

Reader: God created us with the capacity for love. May we trust in God's  
good will for all of creation and open ourselves to God's  
transforming love.

**All: Immanuel, come to us in love.**

Reader: God's love is for all. The gift of salvation does not  
discriminate. Anyone in any nation who has faith in the salvation  
of Jesus Christ is acceptable to the Lord.

**All: Immanuel, come to us in love.**

Reader: Come, let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord  
has made known to us. Along the way, may our eyes, hearts,  
ears, and minds be open to new signs of God's love. May this  
journey inspire us to share that love, so that all the world will  
know the fullness of Immanuel!

**All: Immanuel, come to us in love.**

**PRAYER**

Prayer Hymn **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1 & 4)** No. 119

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 **Christmas Time is Here/O Christmas Tree** Vince Guaraldi  
Thomas Karunas, piano

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology No. 46

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, December 24, 2017

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Deacons:

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Laura Chapman,  
Merle Chapman, Debbie Hoffert, Karma Carpenter, Al & Chris Fagin,  
Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar
- 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,  
Kim Maple

### Ushers:

- 8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Max & Evelyn Sperry  
10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Bill Modlin

### Greeters:

- 8:00 - Ken & Julie Jacoby, Ed & Joy Adams  
10:30 - Larry & Debbie Foster, Mark Kincaid

### Acolytes:

- 8:00 - *Open*  
10:30 - Audrey Miller, Gabbi Morelli

### P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Greg Carter  
10:30 - Larry Pepper

### Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Becky Johnston, Karen Penn

### Sunday, December 24, 2017

- 8:00-Worship Service  
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall  
9:00-Fellowship Coffee  
10:30-Worship Service  
6:15-Christmas Eve Children's Program  
6:30-Harp Concert  
7:00-Christmas Eve Service

### Monday (25)

*CHURCH, OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED*



### Tuesday (26)

*No Preschool*

### Wednesday (27)

*No Preschool*

10:30-Minister's Meeting

### Thursday (28)

*No Preschool*

10:00-Alanon, 240

11:45-CINC, Disciples Room

5:30-Cont. Worship Rehearsal, Great Hall

### Friday (29)

*No Preschool*

### Saturday (30)

### Sunday (31)

- 8:00-Worship Service  
9:00-New Worship, Great Hall  
9:00-Fellowship Coffee  
10:30-Worship Service  
7:30-New Year's Eve Organ Concert

### Christmas offering supports regional ministry

Followers of Jesus are called to lift one another up as we seek to love and serve the least of these. Who, then, supports the church? Congregations like ours receive help from the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin, which provides camps for our children and youth, assists churches in calling their next pastor and comes to our aid in times of crisis.

Our regional ministry's work in the past year includes completing a study and discernment process asking "What is God calling us to now?"; new churches/ministries such as Gilead Chicago, Root and Branch; a new staff person serving our North American Pacific Island Asian Disciples; and the award of Mission First grants to encourage engagement with our communities. Our Christmas Offering, to be collected this Sunday, supports this partnership in this global ministry.

*Please consider giving generously.*

### **CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY CONNECT WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION**

The CE Committee is gearing up for Spring term! Volunteers are set to be the hands and feet of Jesus at **Benjamin Franklin Elementary School** on Summit Street in Decatur. We're inviting the church to be the hands and feet of Jesus along with us. This service requires no special training or skill level. This service opportunity is for you if you like working with kids and helping the community.

Here are the volunteer opportunities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Gillis (1<sup>st</sup> grade) – M/W/F anytime between 9:15-11:15.  
Reading, writing, sight words.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Green (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – Tuesday/Thursdays between 12:45-1:45
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Wells (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – daily between 12:45-1:45.  
Reading, sight words, math facts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Sobek (4<sup>th</sup> grade) – Any day between 10:00-11:15.  
Reading, spelling, math facts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. England (5<sup>th</sup> grade) – M/W/Th between 1:00-1:40.  
Multiplication/ division facts, math skills.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Timmons (6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8-10:30 or 11:45-12:45. Math facts, reading.

**Mark your preferred service and return to the office. Thanks!**

## About Today's Music

Offertory      ***Christmas Time is Here/O Christmas Tree***  
Music by Vince Guaraldi  
Arrangement by Thomas Karunas

Anthem      ***Star Carol***  
Words and Music: John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,  
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;  
Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,  
Bear the news with its message of good cheer:  
"Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!"

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping;  
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.  
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,  
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,  
Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night;  
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

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### **Food Collection**

The food collection for January 7th is cereal and canned soup. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Donations will be delivered to the Northeast Community Fund.

*Thank you for your generous giving.*