

Reader: Yet even though walking in darkness, we see his light shining
– our hope that he will guide our way.

All: Immanuel, God with us, be our hope on the way.

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 9:2, 6**
(pg. 638 O.T.)
(Light the first Candle)

Prayer

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 40: 1-5**
(pg. 667 O.T.)

Anthem **Springs in the Desert** Arthur Jennings
Chancel Choir

Meditation Michael Karunas

Communion Hymn **Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates** No. 129

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Elder's Meditation Elder Pat Ash

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Elder Mary Jane Oliver

Communion Music **The Holly and the Ivy** Noel Rawsthorne

Benediction

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

Postlude **A French Noel** Léon Roques

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

*All who are able, please stand

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Hangings of the Greens Service



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

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Sunday, December 3, 2017



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
Hanging of the Greens

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

MOMENT FOR FRIENDSHIP AND GREETING

Introit ***Fanfare for Christmas Day*** Martin Shaw
Chancel Choir
(banners raised during the introit)

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*The Processional ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** No. 119
(Sanctuary Greens follow the ministers and elders down the center aisle then move to positions by the pillars. Stay through the Gloria Patri then place on pillars.)

*Responsive Reading Zach Martin

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 (Sanctuary Greens are hung) No. 35
(Table Wreath is placed)

Children's Message/Chrismon Tree Tina Miller

Anthem ***Christmas in the Great Hall*** Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir; Jeannie Rade, piano

CONVERSATION WITH GOD IN PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer Don Martin

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)

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

Offertory Invitation Zach Martin

Offertory ***Gloria*** W. A. Mozart

Chancel Choir

(Chancel greens are raised)

*Prayer of Dedication

Lighting the Advent Candle Miller Family

Reader: We begin our Advent journey to Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth, by lighting the first candle on our advent wreath.

All: May Immanuel, God with us, be our hope on the way.

Reader: The first candle symbolizes hope, for we are a people walking in darkness without the hope that the light of Christ brings.

All: Immanuel, God with us, be our hope on the way.

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, December 3, 2016

Deacons:

10:30 - 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 3 - Sid & Krista Rohrscheib, Jane Davis, Charlotte Ballance, Bob Muschal, Pat Penhallegon, Steve & Marci Baumann, Jenny Baumann, Bobby Munos, Brad Munos, Becky Johnston

Ushers:

10:30 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Greg & Jo Carter
10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt. Mark Kincaid, Bill & Joyce Hawks

Greeters:

10:30 - Al & Chris Fagin, Gail Prince
10:30 - Glen & Jody Featherstun, Suzie Miller

Acolytes:

10:30 - Audrey Miller and Peyton Swarhout

P.A. Operator:

10:30 - Greg Carter
10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Becky Johnston, Karen Penn



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
10:30-Worship Service
12:00-Annual Congregation Meeting
4:00-Youth Group

Monday (4)

11:00-Operations Meeting, Conf. Room
5:30-Advent Bible School, Connect. Café
5:30-Media Shout Training, Great Hall
5:30-Personnel Meeting, 201

Tuesday (5)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
7:45-Millikin Class, 240
9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207
9:30-Card Ministry, 240
11:15-Staff Meeting
6:00-Cookie Exchange, Friendship Center
6:30-Heart & Soul, Moweaqua Nursing Home

Wednesday (6)

10:15-Chapel
10:30-Ministers' Meeting

Thursday (7)

10:00-Alanon, 240
11:45-HSAC, Disciples Room
4:00-Journeymen2, Connection Café
5:30-Cont. Worship Rehearsal, Great Hall
6:00-Brass Choir, Disciples Room
7:00-Chancel Choir

Saturday (9)

8:00-Prepare Lunch, Good Samaritan Inn
11:00-Serve Lunch, Good Samaritan Inn

Sunday (10)

9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
9:00-Fellowship Coffee
10:30-Worship Service
10:30-MDSO Chamber Orchestra Advent Service
11:30-Artwork Open House, Connection Café
4:00-Youth Group

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Christmas in the Great Hall arrangement, Mark Hayes
Masters in This Hall Words: William Morris
Music: Traditional French melody

Masters in this hall, hear ye news today
brought from oversea, and ever I you pray:
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell, sing we clear!
Holpen are all folk on earth, born is God's Son so dear.
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we loud!
God today hath poor folk raised and cast adown the proud.

I Saw Three Ships Words and music: Traditional English

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
Our Savior Christ and His lady on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.
Our Savior Christ and His lady on Christmas Day in the morning.

Sussex Carol Words and music: Traditional English

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

How far is it to Bethlehem? Words: Frances Alice Chesterson
Music: tune— STOWEY traditional French

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?
Can we see the little Child? Is He within?
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
God in His mother's arms, babes in the byre,
sleep, as they sleep who find their hearts desire.

O Little Town of Bethlehem Words: Phillips Brooks
Music: Lewis Redner

What Star is This? Words: Charles Coffin.
Music: tune-PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
Traditional 15th century

What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,
glad tidings of our God to bring.

Masters in This Hall

This is Christ, the Lord, masters, be ye glad!
Christmas is come in and no folk should be sad.
Nowell!

Gloria In Excelsis from the 12th Mass W. A. Mozart

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Glory be to God in the highest.
And in earth peace
to men of good will.

Laudamus te; benedicimus te;
adoramus te; glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

We praise Thee; we bless Thee;
we worship Thee; we glorify Thee.
We give thanks to Thee
for Thy great glory.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.

O Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father.

Springs in the Desert Words: Isaiah 35 Music: Arthur Jennings
Say to them that are of a fearful heart.
Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come and save you.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad;
and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

For in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams flow in the desert.
And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness;
the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the
Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy.
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.