

## RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Communion ***Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*** No. 150

*(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 Katie Miller

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Elder Jan Dobbs

*(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 ***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*** No. 164

Postlude ***Bell Carol*** William Mathias

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

*\*All who are able, please stand*

***If you miss a Sunday or want to watch worship videos again:***

**Go To:**

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/sermons/> - Sermons

<http://www.cccdisciples.org/childrens-messages/> - Children's Messages



# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

[www.cccdisciples.org](http://www.cccdisciples.org)

***Sunday, December 17, 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**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude ***From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*** J. S. Bach  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

\*The Processional ***Angels, from the Realms of Glory*** No. 149

\*Responsive Reading Claudia Quigg

Leader: Now is the time of watching and waiting.

**People: The time of pregnant expectation of new life.**

Leader: Now is the season of hope unfolding.

**People: The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.**

Leader: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

**People: May our souls magnify God's name and may our spirits  
rejoice in God our savior!**

**All: Rejoice! God comes to bring us life and hope.  
We sing for joy!**

\*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 ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1 & 3)*** 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 ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** arr. Michael Cox  
David Williams

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology No. 46

**PROCLAMATION**

Anthem ***Breath of Heaven*** Craig Courtney  
Chancel Choir; Connie Bordner, soprano

Scripture Reading ***Isaiah 7:10-17*** Don Martin  
(pg. 636 O.T.)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***Emmanuel*** Michael E. Karunas

IN SERVICE TODAY Sunday, December 17, 2017

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Deacons:

- 8:00 - Team 4 - Jeannie Backes, Sue Ann Cain, Matthew Swarthout, Kevin Wilmot, Jon French, David Martin, Zach Martin, Julie Martin, Jacob Colbert, Mark Beal, Doug Soebbing, Roger Rutherford, Ron & Gwen Miller
- 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:

- 8:00 - Team 3 - Dennis Downey, Capt., Jim & Pamela Bednar, Jarrett Bednar
- 10:30 - Team 8 - Pamela Ferguson, Doug Soebbing

### Greeters:

- 8:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs, Ann Harshman
- 10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

### Acolytes:

- 8:00 - *Open*
- 10:30 - Reese Mahannah, Kaeden McCoy

### P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Donna Dash
- 10:30 - Jim Hinze

### Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Becky Johnston, Karen Penn

### Sunday, December 17, 2017

- 8:00 & 10:30—Worship Service
- 9:00-New Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Come Home For Christmas Brunch, F.C
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 12:00-Come Home For Christmas Dinner, G.H.
- 3:00-Service for Healing & Hope, First Presb.
- 4:00-Youth Group – Soup & Caroling

### Monday (18)

- 5:30-VP Meeting, Conference Room
- 5:30-Advent Bible School, Connect. Café

### Tuesday (19)

- 7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
- 9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207 & D.R.
- 9:30-Card Ministry, 240
- 11:15-Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30-Heart & Soul Christmas Party, G.H.

### Wednesday (20)

- 8:30-Preschool-3s, 4s, Pre-K Christmas Parties
- 10:30-Ministers' Meeting
- 5:30-Council Committee Meetings, G.H.
- 6:30-Criminal Justice, 207

### Thursday (21)

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

### Sunday (24)

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

**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 the next two Sundays (Dec. 17 and 24), supports this partnership in this global ministry.

*Please consider giving generously.*

**Youth News & Events**

Youth Caroling and Soup Party Today 4-6 pm  
Meet in the Great Hall at 4 pm

K-5 Imboden Creek Living Center  
6-12 Home Visits

Crackers, cheese and cookies are welcome but not necessary.

No K-12 Sunday School or Youth Group  
12/24 or 12/31.

**OUR CHURCH IS GROWING!**

We will have 4 babies delivered by the end of Summer. Meal delivery program team members are needed! Do you enjoy cooking and hospitality? Join in on the fun of welcoming new family members. We prepare and deliver meals to new parents who are members, regular attenders, or friends of Central Christian Church.

Fill out the form below or Email [tmiller@cccdisciples.org](mailto:tmiller@cccdisciples.org)  
with your Name, email & phone number.

Our first family is expecting to deliver mid-January.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# About Today's Music

Anthem *Breath of Heaven*

Words and Music: Chris Eaton and Amy Grant  
Arrangement: Craig Courtney

I have traveled many moonless nights,  
cold and weary with a babe inside.  
And I wonder what I've done.  
Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer.  
I am frightened by the load I bear.  
In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone?  
Be with me now.

Breath of Heaven hold me together,  
be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.  
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,  
pour over me Your holiness for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do You wonder, as You watch my face,  
if another should have had my place?  
But I offer all I am for the mercy of Your plan.  
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

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**BRING A BELL!**

Sunday, December 24, is **Bring a Bell Sunday**.  
Bring a bell of any shape or size to worship and ring it while we sing  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"