

Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude “People, Look East”

Welcome, Announcements
Greeting and Sharing Christ’s Peace

***Call To Worship:**

L: Look! Faithful love and truth have met in this place.

P: Righteousness and peace have kissed in our midst.

L: Listen! God is speaking words of hope.

P: Christ is calling us into God’s flock.

L: See! The glory of God shines all around us. The love of Christ flows through our lives.

P: Come! Let us worship.

***Hymn of Praise** “People, Look East” (all vss) 142

Lighting of Second Advent Candle—Peace Children’s Sunday School Class
The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

“All flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Walk gently in the way of peace.

We light the first Advent candle and remember that hope is coming. As we light the second Advent candle, the candle of peace, we remember that the Prince of Peace is coming, and we join the work of preparing the way. We walk gently in the way of peace.

Hymn of Praise “One Candle Is Lit” (vss 1,2) 128

Prayer of Confession

God of Shepherding love, we need your guidance this day. You proclaim that faithful love and truth have met, but we cannot see it. You rejoice that righteousness and peace have kissed, but we can scarcely believe it. Forgive our jaded hearts, and correct our wandering ways. Breathe your grace into our lives, and give us the confidence to shout for all the world to hear: “Here is our God!” Amen.

Special Music “Gesu Bambino” Emily Denson, soprano

Scripture Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon Comfort For God’s People Rev. Alicia Burton

Invitation to Discipleship

****Hymn of Discipleship** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” 677

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (Feel free to pray in whatever form you are most familiar)
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Meditation
Offering “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Offertory Prayer

Affirmation of Faith and Invitation to the Table: Jack Dunn
(In Unison) **As Disciples of Christ we welcome All to God’s table of Grace where we are empowered to serve without boundaries.**

Hymn of Communion “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” 429

Prayers for the Bread and the Cup
Receiving the Gift of Communion (Hold bread and cup to partake together)
Words of Institution

***Closing Hymn** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” 134

Benediction
Postlude

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Worship Leader—Glen Mason Acolyte—Cammie Fulbright
Music Leader—Muzetta Miller Music Used By Permission CCL #11262292

Future Events

Dec 17-Joint 2017 and 2018 Board Meeting-12:10pm
24-Christmas Eve Service-6:00pm
Jan 07-2018 Board Meeting-12:10pm

Christmas Coffee

9:30am 12-10-17!!

Birthdays

Dec 11-Muzetta Miller
12-Donnaa K. Dilliha

Anniversaries

Dec 14-Bob and Dot Woodard

Prayer Concerns

Amy Robinson, Reba Herndon, Scott Rosenberger, Andrew Sherley, Chuck Motter, Dot Woodard, Betsy Felts, Josh Thigpen, Jared Thigpen, Clay Riggins, Stanley Brown, Hugh Akerman, and Joe and Joyce Kane

Scripture for Today: Isaiah 40:1-11

(Old Testament, page 653)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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