



Central Presbyterian Church

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4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

“Veni Emmanuel”

Callahan

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Advent Call to Worship: The Hope of Your Coming

(When prompted by the narrator, respond with:)

P: Oh Lord, You are our Love.

Lighting of Advent Wreath: Cindy Godbey

*Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

RED#103

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

Time of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

PH #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Robert Lackie

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

“What Is In A Name?”

Robert Lackie

New Testament Epistle Reading

Romans 1:1-7

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

***Hymn** *“What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest”* RED#105

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*

Purifoy

***Doxology**

PH #591

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn** *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* **RED#104**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude *“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”* Osman

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER:	Robert Lackie
PIANIST:	Rich Ford/Julia Territo
LITURGIST:	John Godbey
GREETER/USHER:	Cindy Godbey

****Please stand, if able***

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