



Central Presbyterian Church

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December 29, 2024
1st Sunday of Christmas

Welcome

Announcements

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

Prelude

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

O Father in heaven, You have graciously given me everything in Jesus. Please help me as I seek to be a responsible and generous steward of the gracious gifts You have lavished upon me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

L: In the beginning was the Word.

P: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: In Him was life and the life was the light of all people.

P: The light shines in the darkness, and the light has not overcome it.

L: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

P: And we have seen His glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father.

***Hymn** *“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”* **RED #120**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear Father, Your Son, Your Word, the full expression of God in flesh, came and pitched His tent in our midst. Forgive us for not quieting ourselves enough to truly see Him dwelling in our lives, in our loved ones, in our coming and going, and here in our worship here. Help us to seek You earnestly and daily, in the coming new year. We know in our very core that then You will be found, when our hearts and minds make room for You to reign in us. 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

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

New Testament Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52

Sermon *“Dwelling Richly in the Word of God”* Robert Lackie
(New Testament Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17)

***Hymn** *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”* **RED #107**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed**

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn** *“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”* **RED #115**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:	Robert Lackie
Greeter/Usher:	Marilyn Montgomery
Liturgist:	Pat Claussen
Pianist/Organist:	Linda Claussen
	Emma Lou Denton
	Julia Territo

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

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

2024 Giving Deadline

TODAY, December 29, will be the **absolute last Sunday** for giving to Central Presbyterian Church to be included on the current year 2024 Giving Statement. Any contributions received later that week will not be deposited until January 2. Per IRS guidelines, any pledges deposited in the new year, will be shown on the 2025 Giving Statements.