



Central Presbyterian Church

Where Christ is Central to All we Do!

November 24, 2021

MASKING is PREFERRED at all church services and events, until further notice.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Responses to messages left at the church office will be delayed;
please email when possible.*

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Invitation to Upreach

Reach up to God through worship and study.



Advent Candle Lighters and Liturgists Wanted

Please let Pastor Judith know if and when you would like to light an advent candle for either 12/5, or 12/24 (evening service).

Adult Sunday School

No Sunday School this Sunday 11/28

Come around 9:30 to watch for and greet and load the Biker Run with toys.

CPCWaco Hybrid Worship

You Are Invited to Praise and Follow Jesus!

Meet , Greet, and Worship via [Zoom](#) (click to join anytime 9:10-11:45am);
worship live (at 10:45am, or anytime convenient for you) on [Facebook](#);
or come in-person (masked) to worship in the Sanctuary.

Order of Worship
November 28, 2021

Welcome & Announcements
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prelude
Call to Worship

Psalm 24

1 The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
2 for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.
7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
10 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: The Candle of Hope

Opening Prayer

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to welcome Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Deepen our joy in our preparations and decorations.
Deliver us from any thoughts or actions that obscure the light and love of Jesus
so that all we do and see open us to his presence now and always,
giving us hope in his Kingdom Come. Amen.**

Hymn #2 (Blue) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

***Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.***

***Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne***

Ceremony of the Crimsons and Nativity

Hymn #22 (Blue) Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

***Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth'
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the new-born King!***

***Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the new-born King!***

***All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ the new-born King!***

Time with Young Disciples

Message "A Season of Welcome, A Season of Hope"

Offertory "Away in a Manger" Arr. Craig Courtney

Advent Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel; Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel***

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you; **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
It is right to give our thanks and praise....

Communion of the People
The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymn #12 (Blue) People, Look East (first & last verses) BESANÇON

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east. Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east. Love, the Lord, is on the way

Charge and Benediction
Postlude

Invitation to Outreach

Reach out to serve Christ in our community and beyond.



Mission Partnership News!!

The Mission Waco Toy Store will be held in the AC on Thursday, 12/2, through Saturday, 12/4. There will be lots of volunteer groups on site over the next few weeks to get everything organized and ready.

***Remember to bring unwrapped toys
and rolls of wrapping paper
to the church before 9:30 am
for Santa's Biker-helpers to pick up this Sunday morning.***

There will be no Sunday School on 11/28 as the Bikers are scheduled to come between 9:45 and 10:15am. This year, Bikers will again be able to let kids get pictures on the bikes!

**CPC will host a vaccination clinic
with vaccines and boosters, for ages 5 and up:
December 12 ~ 9am - 1 pm
Activities Center**



[Click here to sign up.](#)

The blood drive is the next Saturday, December 18th.
So many needles!!!

Invitation to Inreach

Reach inward with the Spirit of Love, for God, self, and one another.

It's Time for Advent Groups!

This year, because of Covid, we want to have more smaller **Advent groups**. If you would be willing to host a group at your home on either or both (12/5 & 12) evenings for a potluck (or fare of your choice) dinner, fellowship, and lesson with a few other people, please let us know soon!

Click [here](#) (or leave a voicemail at the church) to participate in Advent Groups 12/5 and 12, Please let us know how many adults and children you will bring.

PW Christmas Gathering

We will gather this year at Melissa's house on Rambler.
Bring snacks and treats to share!

Be thinking about a special Christmas memory or tradition to share as well.

Prayer Concerns

- for people caught in times of war or famine;
 - for all who sorrow, and for those who rejoice;
 - for those in need of healing, and for those called to heal;
 - for people called to bear the Good News in word or deed;
 - for Luna (10 year old fighting Cancer), Martha, Joyce, Sara, Billie Kathryn and Carl, Mrs. Rodgers in Arkansas, Sara, Haley, Andrew S, Helen K., Hope, and all who need healing, strength, & comfort;
 - for guidance, strength, open-mindedness and kindness;
 - for all who travel for the holidays, and for those who may be hungry or alone;
 - for our congregation to sense God's presence, strength, and Call to serve; and
 - for everyone born, a place at the table!
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Celebrating Birthdays

Quinn Rhoden - December 3
Andrew Bryngelson - December 12
Linda Williams - December 22
Melissa Rhoden - December 23

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



UPCOMING ON THE CALENDAR

11/28--Biker Run, Toy Dedication, Volunteer Luncheon, and First Sunday of Advent!
12/1--**No** First Wednesday Cookout
12/2-4--Mission Waco Toy Store Event
12/5--Second Sunday of Advent
12/5--Advent Groups in homes
12/12--Third Sunday of Advent
12/12--Advent Groups in homes

12/19--Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Pageant (No-rehearsal)
12/19--Church neighborhood caroling and Chili Potluck Supper
(Carolers will meet in AC at 4, Chili Supper will start around 5:30 with an Advent Lesson)
12/24--Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(We will celebrate communion throughout Advent)

Pastor's Ponderings

"Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes?"

I remember hanging out in the kitchen with Granny the day before Thanksgiving. I talked, I listened, I watched. She cooked by mental recipes passed from generations before. I tried to commit it all to memory. How much sage, what temp, how long...

I savor those moments and conversations now. I learned about more than cooking--the life lessons she shared became the recipe for grateful living.

Life was not meant to be complicated. Live simply. Look at the birds. Watch how they fly. They carry no baggage, no burdens of the past. They are free of the weight of the world.

Let the food and fare be what it is, a simple meal surrounded by a flock of friends or family gathered together because of LOVE. Lay down the burden of the past--disappointments, grudges, grief. Don't worry what will happen. Enjoy what God has given this day.

Rinse, wash and repeat. It's simple. Let God be God. Give your day to God and let God use you to cultivate gratitude in ways you could never have imagined.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Pastor Judith

PS As you contemplate all of God's blessings this Thursday, and whether or not you participate in Black Friday or Cyber Monday, please think about the ways you can share your blessings on Giving Tuesday. Include the church in your giving plans, and let us know if there are local missions or charities you would like us to support.