

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**November 30, 2017**



**Pastoral Potpourri**

The other day I ran across an old story I had not seen in years. A hunter was walking along a back road in New Mexico, when he came across an old hunting guide lying on the road with his ear to the ground. The hunter squatted down beside him. The guide spoke: "Ford pickup. Green. Large wheels. One man inside with a dog in back. Colorado plates." Amazed the hunter replied, "You can tell all of that just by listening to the ground?" "My ear on the ground has nothing to do with it," responded the guide, "That was the truck which just ran over me."

Beginning this time of year, we each have so much going on that sometimes it feels like we have just been run over by the holidays. What if we could stop, put an ear to the ground, and just listen? Listen to the ringing of bells; listen to the phrasing of carols; listen to the rhythm of the Scriptures. In the silence of "a still small voice," God has something important for us to hear, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."  
I'll see you in church, Stephen

**This Sunday, December 3, 2017**

*First Sunday of Advent*

**9:30 am - Sunday School - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**10:45 am - Worship**

**Rev. Stephen Rehrig, preaching**

**First Annual Hanging of the Greens Service**

*Holy Communion*

*Caritas offering*

[\*Click here for this Sunday's readings\*](#)

**Next Sunday, December 10, 2017**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**9:30 am - Sunday School - Mark 1:1-8**

**10:45 am - Worship**

**Rev. David Rodgers, preaching**

*Text: Isaiah 40:1-11*

**Sermon: Preparing the Way**



**December Worship Themes**

**December 17**

**Text: John 1: 1-5, 9-14**

**"In the beginning was the Word"**

**Sermon: Finding The Word**

*Theme: In the beginning of everything was the same Word we continue to struggle with.*

**December 24**

**Text: Luke 2: 8-20**

**"Let us go now"**

**Sermon: Adeste Fideles**

*Theme: We must come and see for ourselves the fullness of Christmas*

**Christmas Eve**

**Text: Luke 2: 8-14**

**"shepherds...keeping watch over their flock by night"**

**Sermon: O Holy Night**

*Theme: The holiest night in the history of creation*

**Announcements**

**Stewardship 2018** - The financial pledges which came in Stewardship Sunday reflect tremendous faith in God and a deep commitment to the future of Central Presbyterian. If you have not already turned in your **Stewardship Commitment Card** please do so as soon as possible (by mail or in person on Sunday) so that we can plan for 2018. Thank you for your commitment to CPC! -Your Stewardship Committee

Be sure to stop by **Collin Street Bakery** next Sunday, December 9, between 1 - 2:30 pm, to hear our **choir and handbells** treating customers to Christmas music!

**Presbyterian Women's Tea** will be held at the home of Rita Smotherman, 1369 Windstone Court, Waco, December 12 at 10:30 am. Please bring a goodie to share!

### Future Dates

- December 3** - First Advent Group meeting, 6 pm
- December 5** - Personnel committee meeting, 6 pm
- December 8** - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am
- December 9** - Adult choir and handbells at Collin Street Bakery, 1 - 2:30 pm
- December 10** - Second Advent Group meeting, 6 pm
- December 12** - Presbyterian Women's Tea, 10:30 am
- December 17** - Third Advent Group meeting, 6 pm
- December 19** - Stated Session meeting, 6pm
- December 24** - Christmas Eve service, 6 pm



### Celebrating Birthdays

Andrew Bryngelson - December 12

Linda Williams - December 22

Melissa Rhoden - December 25

(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!)



**December** Scripture readings are available in the Narthex or click [here](#) to view.

The Weekly News is published each Thursday and sent to members via email. It is also mailed to members who do not have email or desire a printed copy. Printed copies are also available in the church narthex. Church activities and pertinent event information is available on the church website: [cpcwaco.org](http://cpcwaco.org)