



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 29, 2020

Then they will see
'the Son of Man
coming in clouds'
with great power and
glory.

Mark 13: 26

W elcome in the name of the Lord.

Behold how good and pleasant it is to share this time together.

May you feel cleansed and renewed by God's presence,
equipped to face the challenges of the new week with courage, faith, and
calm.

The Lord be with you.

A t Central, we are committed to living the words of Jesus, "Love one
another."

This church is open to all and welcomes everyone who chooses
to worship here.

We affirm that all of us are created in God's image, regardless of age,
gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental facility, economic
circumstance, or physical condition.

Because we celebrate diversity, we are committed to using language in
our worship that is inclusive. To preserve the integrity of the poetry, we may
also use prayers, readings, hymns, or anthems in traditional versions.

Children are welcome to participate in our worship service.

If you or your children become restless,
please be mindful that the service is broadcast
into Chapel Hall so you can share in worship there
without disturbing others.



Christmas Memorial Flowers



Every year, Central beautifies the sanctuary with poinsettias,
and you can dedicate one in memory of a loved one. Names
received by 5:00 p.m. on December 20 will appear in the
worship bulletins for Christmas Eve and the morning service
on Christmas Day. A donation of \$30 per memorial name is
requested (couples count as one). To give the gift of
Christmas flowers please call the office at 331-1960.

We covenant with the Lord and with one another
And do bind ourselves in the presence of God,
to walk together in all the ways which are revealed to us by God,
as the Word is made known to us.

Reign of Christ

Welcome to virtual worship. May you find hope, comfort, and the love of God here.

November 29, 2020

10:30am

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Ellie, Grace, Savannah and Mike Hopkins

CALL TO WORSHIP and INVOCATION

The Rev. Rebecca Spencer

HYMN “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Wake, awake, for night is flying; The watchmen on the heights are crying,
Awake, Jerusalem, arise!

Midnight’s solemn hour is tolling; His chariot wheels are nearer rolling;
He comes! O church, lift up thine eyes!

Rise up, with willing feet, Go forth, the Bridegroom meet: Hallelujah!

Lo, great and small, We answer all; And follow where Thy voice shall call.

Zion hears the watchmen singing; Her heart with deep delight is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,

For her Lord comes down all glorious, In grace arrayed, by truth victorious;
Her star is risen, her light is come!

Ah, come thou blessed One, God’s own beloved Son, Hallelujah!

We haste along, An eager throng, And gladsome join the advent song.

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13: 24-37

Beverly Haviland

MEDITATION “In These Days”

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

OFFERTORY “For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth”
“The People that Walked in Darkness”

G.F. Handel

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

GIVING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF THE CUP

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Which art in heaven, Hallowed by 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 and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP ENDS –Witness and Service Begin

Come One, Come All – Ye Faithful – To Central’s Carol Service

We present our annual Carol Service once again on **Sunday, December 20, at 4 p.m.** The service tells the story of the birth of Christ in scripture and song, starting with the creation story in the garden of Eden and concluding with the lesson of the incarnation. Members of our congregation read lessons, each echoed by a carol or anthem. The service concludes with a beautiful candlelit tableau of the church as harp, cello, and organ play the blissfully peaceful “Sleep of the Infant Jesus.”



We don’t yet know if we can present the service in person, but if not we will have a virtual version available. For now we are going ahead with plans for a live service, and need to be sure we don’t exceed our maximum seating capacity. To that end we ask that if you would like to attend in person that you go to Central’s website to register so we can get an idea of attendance, and make possible contingencies if we find demand outpaces capacity!

To register your tickets and for more information go to www.centralchurch.us

Food for Thought Book Group

Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm via Zoom



This will be our annual Christmas gathering with a new plot twist! You are invited to join us bringing your own beverage, snack or dessert. You are also invited to bring a book (or the title of a book) that you would recommend if you wish. Contact Claudia for the Zoom link.

Adult Sunday School

Sundays December 6, 13, 20 and January 3 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

Incarnation comes from the Latin for embodiment/become flesh. We will explore the why and what of the meaning of incarnation. Most importantly, we will think about the how--how we respond to what incarnation means for us as Christians in these days. Based on the book by Adam Hamilton this study will meet 5 times—on the 4 Sundays of Advent plus Epiphany Sunday. Ask Claudia for the Zoom link.

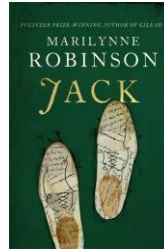
Youth and Church School

Even though we are not able to meet in person, the Church School and Confirmation Classes continue to gather every Sunday on Zoom. Beginning on Sunday, December 6 at 10:15 a.m. we are adding an older class geared toward those in middle school. We are using the lectionary-based Seasons of the Spirit for our curriculum.

Everyone involved with the church school is working hard to make this “new way of being church school” the best it can be. Please contact the Rev. Judy Martowska with any questions at judy@centralchurch.us . It is always great to have new children join us!

Rebecca’s Book Group

*Thursday, December 3, 12:30 pm
via Zoom*



Join us for a lively discussion of the New York Times bestselling book, “Jack” by Pulitzer Prize winning author Marilynne Robinson. The fourth novel in Robinson’s Gilead series, tells a story of the complexities of American history through love, race and religion. Please join us from the comfort of home. Give Rebecca a ring for a Zoom invitation. Happy reading!

Know someone interested in Central as a church home?

If you are looking for a church – or know someone who is – we’d love to talk with you about it at our Inquirers’ Meeting. We are hoping to be able to hold Inquirers’ and Faith Exploration meetings the following dates, but will keep you posted on this possibility. Please phone the church office at 331-1960.

Inquirers’ Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 7 pm

Faith Exploration

Thursday, January 28, 7 pm

New Member Sunday: February 2



SCHEDULED SERVICES, PROGRAMS (through Dec. 13)

During this time of social distancing, many Central committees and groups are meeting via Zoom or GoToMeeting. To be notified about any of the following virtual meetings, contact the church office.

Thursday, Dec. 3

12:30 p.m. - Rebecca's Book Group

Saturday, Dec. 5

7:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat Group

Sunday, Dec. 6

9:15 a.m. - Stewardship Committee

9:30 a.m. - Church School

10:15 a.m. - Middle School Class

10:30 a.m. - Worship

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. - Adult Sunday School

6:00 p.m. - NEOS

7:00 p.m. - WORD

Tuesday, Dec. 8

5:45 p.m. - Deacons Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 10

6:00 p.m. - Re-Imagining Chapel Hall

7:00 p.m. - Food for Thought

Saturday, Dec. 12

7:00 p.m. - Women's Retreat Group

Sunday, Dec. 13

9:30 a.m. - Church School

10:15 a.m. - Middle School Class

10:30 a.m. -Worship

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. - Adult Sunday School