



ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 3, 2021

“The true light
that enlightens
everyone was
coming into the
world”

John 1:9

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.

At 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.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The Stewarship Committee would like to ask that you take this time to update your contact information. This will ensure that you stay up to date on everything happening at Central.

If your contact information has changed, please contact Jennifer in the church office at Jennifer@centralchurch.us, complete the form that you received via email or complete the form that is included with the January newsletter.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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. †

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

January 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

INVOCATION

HYMN “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have not kept Christmas all year. After last Christmas we went back to tending flocks and have forgotten to adorn Him who was born in a stable. Having followed the star and found the baby, we have not followed the cross and found the Savior. Teach us to enter into the deep mysteries of the season, and so find meaning and joy for our existence. Let the spirit of Jesus be born in us, that we may bring glad tidings of great joy to all the people in our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18

Caroline Considine

SERMON “New Beginnings”

The Rev. Rebecca L. Spencer

† *Based on the Salem Covenant, 1629*

OFFERTORY “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

ROBERT MACDONALD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “Hark the Glad Sound”

BENEDICTION

TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVAL MEETING

This year’s Tentative Budget Approval Meeting is Sunday, January 31 immediately after worship. Your presence and input are crucial this year because the budget determines what we can accomplish as a church during the coming fiscal year to keep our beautiful sanctuary lively with worship, music, fellowship and mission outreach. In 2021/2022 we will take our next steps to “Grow Central for Tomorrow.”

We thank you in advance for your participation!

Know someone interested in Central as a church home?

Inquirers’ Meeting*

Tuesday, January 26

Faith Exploration*

Wednesday, February 3

New Member Sunday

February 7

For more information, please contact
the church office at 331-1960.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

*During this time of social distancing, the following events are taking place virtually.
Please contact the church office if you need additional details.*

SUNDAY, January 3

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 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- Incarnation: Rediscovering Christmas
- 6:00 p.m. NEOS
- 7:00 p.m. WORD

MONDAY, January 4

- 7:00 p.m. Technology Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, January 5

- 2 00 p.m. Church Office Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Companionship Group

WEDNESDAY, January 6

- 9:30 a.m.. Gallery Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Budget Proposal Meeting

THURSDAY, January 7

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

SUNDAY, January 10

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 9:30 a.m. LDC All Committee Chair Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. Middle School Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. NEOS
- 7:00 p.m. WORD