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WORSHIP SERVICE

Third Sunday in Advent

WELCOME Rev. Dan Kish

LIGHTING Advent Candle of Love—Lynn & Linda Redington

CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Bowen

^HYMN #184 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains.

*Chorus: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song? *Chorus*

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King. *Chorus*

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth. *Chorus*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Jeremy Gaines

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

^ GLORIA PATRI – “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”

Those who are able, please stand

^ PRAISE SONG “Come, Adore the Humble King”  
Come adore the humble King lowly in the manger;  
Fall before His majesty! Hail the little Savior.  
Hope, what hope no tongue could tell,  
God has come with us to dwell; His name is Emmanuel.  
O praise the humble King

Come adore in humble state He, the song of angels;  
Join the wise who call His name and with all creation.  
Who, oh, who would condescend?  
God unknown now calls us friend;  
Love that none could comprehend.  
O praise the humble King.

Come adore the King who came to our world to save us;  
Born to heal our prideful race - crown us with forgiveness.  
Fall, oh, fall before the One who in mercy left His throne;  
Christ the Lord, God's only Son. His glories now we sing.  
O praise the humble King.

Come adore, come adore, come adore the King.  
Bow before, come adore the Name above all names. *Repeat*

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UNISON READING Isaiah 9:2 Greg Bowen  
“<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”

CHRISTMAS PLAY “True North—A Nativity Play”  
O Come, All Ye Faithful  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Away in a Manger  
Go, Tell it on the Mountain  
Joy to the World  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

CAST LIST

|                 |                        |                 |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Navi Cummings   | Anna Moody             | Ian Shaw        |
| Stella Crossley | Will Moody             | Tripp Simon     |
| Elliott Doster  | Hannah Moore           | Brooke Spear    |
| Maggie Foster   | Peter Powell           | Logan Spear     |
| Mac Kerr        | Abby Sandwell          | Caleb Tincher   |
| Bella Kish      | Peter Sandwell         | Hudson White    |
| Isaac Kish      | Annie Frances Saraceni | Amaya Wright    |
| James Lill      | Elouise Saraceni       | Lilianne Wright |
| Henry Mason     |                        |                 |

Thank you to our Volunteer Shepherds—Anna Gaines, Anna Kish, Kailyn Kish, Hadley Lill, Madison Lill, Audrey Shaw.  
AND THANK YOU TO MISS SARA AND MISS TORIE  
FOR DIRECTING THE PLAY!

OFFERTORY “Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven”

Jesus joy of the highest heaven Born as a little baby  
Under a wondrous star Like us crying he takes His first breath  
Held by His mother helpless Close to her beating heart  
Jesus laid in a lowly manger Facing a world of dangers  
Come to turn me a stranger Into a child of God

Jesus King of the highest heaven Learning to take His first steps  
That He might bring us life Like us knowing our smiles and sorrows  
He showed the way to follow A way that is true and right  
Jesus take away every darkness Steady my simple footsteps  
That I might in Your goodness Live as a child of God  
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^DOXOLOGY Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, All creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5 Pew Bible pg#1053

SERMON “The Light of Men” Rev. Dan Kish

BENEDICTION

^ RESPONSE “Song of Simeon”



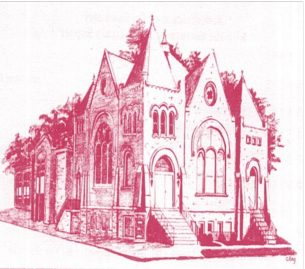
POSTLUDE

There will be a  
Congregational Meeting  
next Sunday, Dec 21st  
immediately after worship to dissolve  
the call of Rev. Dr. Randall Jenkins  
effective December 31, 2025.



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| FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  |  | YTD Budget Needs |
|                             |  | \$ 1,109,291.40  |
| Weekly Budget Needs:        |  | YTD Income       |
| \$ 22,638.60                |  | \$ 948,953.97    |
| Offering Received 12-7-2025 |  | YTD Expenses     |
| \$ 32,328.00                |  | \$ 1,088,617.43  |
| RESTORATION / RENOVATION    |  |                  |
| Received                    |  | Goal             |
| \$ 426,550.00               |  | \$ 681,322.16    |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Chris, Lucy, Heylon, Sepi, Vickie, Thomas, Phil Adderley, Deb Adkisson, Mindy Anderson, Willis Atwater, David Barnes, Karrie Beestow, Katherine Berger, Barry Broom, Dan Brown, Peggy Carroll, Virginia Chmely, Libby Chou, Kathy & Bill Clegg, Wesley Cole, Jeff & Judge Colvin, Creekmore's daughter (Maddy), Becky & Ron Crosby, Bill Crump, Milton Cummings, Nancy Cummings, Kate Daniel, Corine Davis, Susan Davis, Samantha Downs, Katy Elliott, Emerson Family in the loss of Bo's brother Andy, Claudia Fahrner, Phil Freeze, Vala Fukuzawa, Paula Gattis, Ross and Harriet Grable, Charles Gough, Frank Harbin, Susan Hea, Virginia Heater, Helena Hirschlein, Tara Hunt & family, Tiffany Kesting and family in the loss of her mother, Kish family, Katherine Lackey, Ruth Lafans, Nancy Lee, Regina Ligon, Mackey Family, Carol Marren, Linda Martin, Rich McDonald, Amy Mulvaney, Helen Mulvaney, Tanya Nichols, Dex Nilsson, Marianne Quackenbush, Carina Phillips, Gary Rapp, Marie & Jim Rich, Charlotte Richardson, Matthew Richardson, Nik Rincon, Loretta Rogers, Abe Rush, Sandy Russell, Judith Sabin, Mary Ellen Sandridge, Cynthia Shady, Shep Shady, Benson Skelton, Susan Skelton, Richard Taylor, Christy Thompson, Ray & Sylvia Townsley, Amanda Trippe, safety and security of U.S. Military, Audrey & Larry Vanderhoff, Otis and Betty Vaughn, Jane Walker, Gates Ward, Weber Family, Marietta Webster, Durwood White, Keith Williamson, John Wilson and family, Ryan Willis, George Worley, John Worley, Linda Yates, Sean Young, Missionaries, the leaders of our church, the church staff, college students, and the Sunday School teachers. If you have a prayer request or an update, please email or call the church office.



- STAFF**
- Rev. Dr. Randall T. Jenkins—Pastor
  - Rev. Dan Kish—Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship & Outreach
  - Michelle Bauer—Director of Hawthorne Conservatory
  - Jeremy Gaines—Director of Music Ministries
  - Annie Sentell—Interim Student Ministries Coordinator
  - Meagan Kish—Director of Children's Ministries
  - Robert Lubin—Organist
  - Torie McMillan—Children's Ministry Assistant
  - Libby Rankin—Bookkeeper
  - Katelyn Smith—Director of Preschool
  - Lisa Harris—Administrative Assistant

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

- Sun Dec 14 9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 REGULAR Church – Children's Christmas Play  
5:30 Youth Christmas Party
- Tue Dec 16 Birthday—Harriet Haughton, Nell Reid
- Wed Dec 17 11:30 Men's Bible Study in the Chapel  
6:00 Deacon's and Session Meeting as needed  
6:30 High School Girls Fellowship Dinner
- Thu Dec 18 10:00 Ladies Bible Study  
Birthdays—Patrick Fair, Mary Anne Sandwell
- Sat Dec 20 Birthday—Jim Tower
- Sun Dec 21 9:30 Sunday School  
9:30 Happy Birthday Jesus Party—in Cooper House  
(for families of children birth through 5th grade)  
10:30 REGULAR Church Service  
Congregational Meeting immediately after worship  
3:30 Reception for Randy and Judy—at the Bridges home

| SESSION                                |                |                  |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Randall T. Jenkins, Moderator |                |                  |
| Class of 2025                          | Class of 2026  | Class of 2027    |
| Greg Bowen                             | David Cummings | Carleton Smith   |
| Jennifer Cash                          | Bo Emerson     | Brian Spear      |
| Donald Dowdy                           | Sarah Rich     | Mary E. Comulada |

Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick. And the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5: 14-15

| DEACONS            |                |                    |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Class of 2025      | Class of 2026  | Class of 2027      |
| Jody Bridges       | Cynthia Lill   | Stephanie Crossley |
| Susan Griffith     | Jeff Skinner   | Emma Goebel        |
| Stephanie Sandwell | Jody Creekmore | Christy Heater     |

| TRUSTEES      |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 |
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December 14, 2025

“I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Psalm 122:1