

# CENTRAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 7, 2025

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY – THANK YOU.  
DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude	Robert Lubin
Welcome	Rev. Dan Kish
Lighting the Advent Candle of <i>Peace</i>	The Demkovich Family
Call to Worship	Rev. Dan Kish
^Carol	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (p. 8)</i>
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Rev. Dan Kish
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

MEINEKE

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.

^Unison Reading

*Philippians 2.1-11*

[1] So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2] complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. [8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dan Kish

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

^Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CAROLS OF JOY**

Reading

*Expectant Joy* - Luke 1.39-55

*Wexford Carol*

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well, and bear in mind,  
What our good God for us has done, in sending his beloved Son.  
With Mary holy, we should pray to God with love this Christmas day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.  
Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs, and feeding sheep;  
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.  
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem. Be not afraid.  
For there you'll find this happy morn a princely babe sweet Jesus born."  
With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find,  
And as God's angels had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.  
Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid  
Attending on the Lord of Life, who came to earth to end all strife.  
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

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Carol

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (p.9)*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. Dan Forrest

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing over the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

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

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

See Him in a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth!

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

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Reading

*Good Tidings of Great Joy – Luke 2.1-15*

*The First Noel*

arr. Michael John Trotta

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay Keeping their sheep, on a cold, winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest, over Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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^Carol

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (p. 10)*

## Christmas Day

Gustav Holst

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today:  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from woe and sin, when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry, this blessed Babe was born,  
And laid within a manger, upon that holy morn;  
The which His Mother, Mary, did nothing take in scorn.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath op'ed the heavenly door, and man is blessed ever more.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly, let your songs of gladness ring;  
In a stable lies the Holy, in a manger rests the King:  
See, in Mary's arms reposing, Christ by highest heaven adored:  
Come, your circle round Him closing, pious hearts that love the Lord.

Come, ye poor, no pomp of station robes the Child your hearts adore:  
He, the Lord of all salvation, shares your want, is weak and poor:  
Oxen, round about behold them; rafters naked, cold and bare,  
See the shepherds, God has told them that the Prince of Life lies there.

Come, ye children, blithe and merry, this one Child, your model make;  
Christmas holly, leaf, and berry, all be prized for His dear sake;  
Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender, come, ye spirits, keen and bold;  
All in all your homage render, weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining, and the Wisemen haste from far:  
Come glad hearts, and spirits pining: for you all has risen the star.  
Let us bring our poor oblations, thanks and love and faith and praise:  
Come, ye people, come, ye nations, all in all draw nigh to gaze.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today:  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath op'ed the heavenly door, and man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Now to the Lord sign praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one, and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall: Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Reading

*Promised Joy* – Luke 2.22-35

*Thou Who Wast Rich*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heavenward by Thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what Thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship Thee.

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Reading

*Reverent Joy* – Matthew 2.1-12

*Coventry Carol*

arr. Mark Burroughs

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day?  
This poor youngling for whom we do sing,  
By by, lully, lullay?

Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day;  
His men of might, in his own sight,  
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and say,  
For thy parting neither say nor sing,

By by, lully, lullay. Traditional English Carol Copyright 2021 by Alfred Music, CCLI No. 797996

Reading

*Unshakeable Joy* – 1 Peter 1.3-9

*Carol of Joy*

Dan Forrest

Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;  
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in; then through the stillness, carols begin.

O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast, and night tarries long.  
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!

Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold barren hillside shrouded in snow.  
Deep empty valley, veiled by the night: hear angel music, hopeful and bright.

O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.  
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, a carol of joy – a Savior is found!

Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.  
Look up, sad-hearted! Witness God's love; join in the carol swelling above!

O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joy to you may belong!  
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn: O fallen, O fearful world, O friendless world,  
Carol of joy, now unto you, a Savior is born!

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Homily: "The God of Hope"

Rev. Dan Kish

^Carol

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (p. 11)*

Benediction

Romans 15.13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

^Dismissal *Song of Simeon*

Lord bid your ser - vant go in peace. Your word is now ful - filled.  
This is the Sav - ior of the world; the Gen - tiles' pro - mised Light,  
These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn; this Child so long fore - told.  
God's Glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the Joy of Is - ra - el.

Postlude

Robert Lubin

#### Instrumentalists

Christy Weber, violin  
Gretchen Perry, violin  
Meagan Kish, Violin  
Donna Ruiz, viola

Kevin Lay, cello  
Adam Ligon, bass  
Jonah Gaines, percussion

Robert Lubin, piano & organ

*We appreciate your talents! Thank you!*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.  
 Latin hymn, 1710  
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.  
 Plainsong, 13th cent.  
 Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856



## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN  
 born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 in the high - est;  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

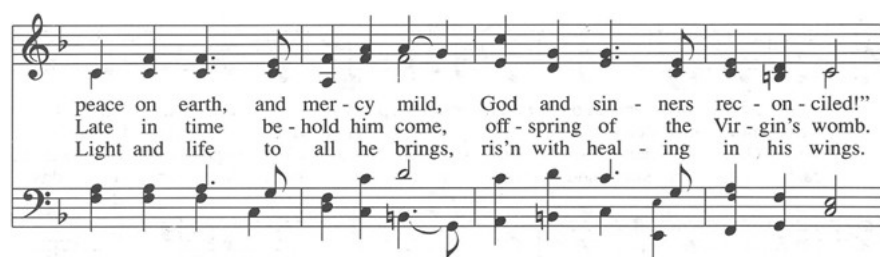
Latin hymn  
 Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751  
 Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.

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 John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

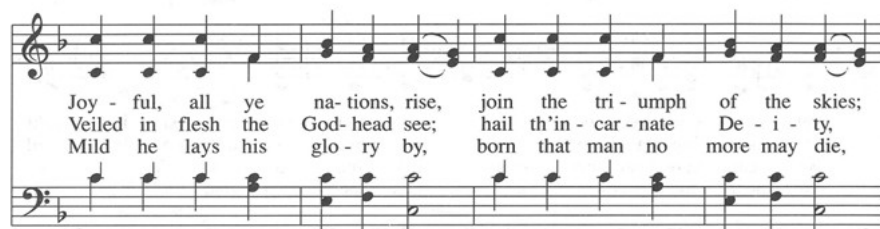
## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



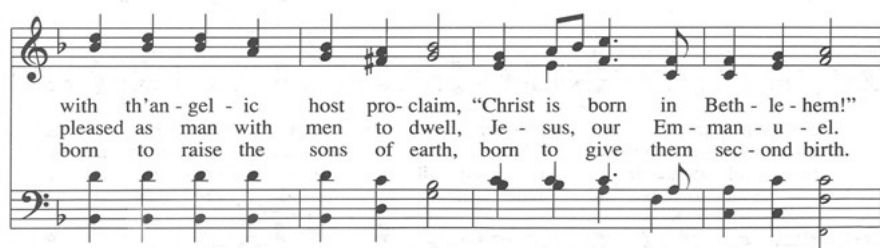
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



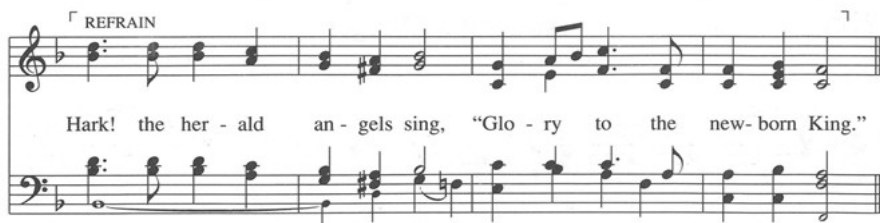
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



REFRAIN  
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt.

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.D.ref.  
 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840  
 Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

# Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

and  
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Based on Psalm 98  
 Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.  
 George Frederick Handel, 1742  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

**CHILDREN will stay in the sanctuary  
during today's worship service.**

**Nursery is available.**

Please join us after worship in the  
Cooper House for Coffee Moments.

**Today's hosts:**

**Oscar & Mary Elizabeth Comulada**



**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.*

**FROM THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**2025 Weekly Budget Needs \$ 22,638.60**

**Offering Received 11-30-25  
\$ 20,813.45**

**2025 YTD Budget needs**

**\$ 1,086,652.80**

**YTD Income**

**\$ 916,625.97**

**YTD Expenses**

**\$ 1,091,528.88**

**RESTORATION / RENOVATION**

Received

**\$ 426,550.00**

Goal

**\$ 681,322.16**

**TONIGHT at 5:30 pm  
Family Pizza Party &  
Christmas Play practice**



**True North:  
A Nativity Play  
Meet in the  
Cooper House**

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**  
***PRIMETIMER'S***

**Thursday, December 11th at 11:30**

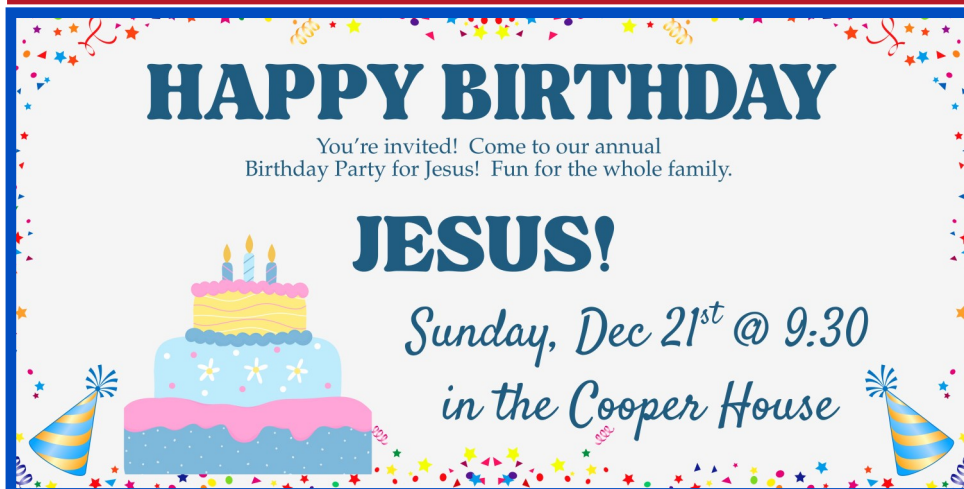
Please join us in the Cooper House for our monthly meeting & luncheon.

Jeremy Gaines will lead us in singing:

"Carols As Creeds: Our Faith Found in Christmas Song"

**MENU: Honey Ham, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
Broccoli Casserole, Corn Pudding, Salad,  
Dressed Eggs, Rolls and Dessert**

*As always there is no charge for this meal. And please let us  
know if you know of someone who could use a meal!*



## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sun	Dec 7	9:30	Sunday School
		<b>10:30</b>	<b>REGULAR Church Service—"Carols of Joy" Choir Cantata</b>
		<b>5:30</b>	<b>Family Pizza Party / Christmas Play practice</b>
			<b>Meet in the Cooper House</b>
			<i>Birthdays—Emma Goebel, Vee Connelly</i>
Mon	Dec 8		<i>Birthday—Marvin Wilder</i>
Tues	Dec 9		<i>Birthday—Lois Ann Marin</i>
Wed	Dec 10	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Preschool Children's Christmas Program</b>
		11:30	Men's Bible Study in the Chapel
			<i>Birthday—Tricia Murray</i>
Thu	Dec 11	<b>11:30</b>	<b>PrimeTimer's Luncheon</b>
		10:00	Ladies Bible Study
Fri	Dec 12	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Parents Night Out/Christmas Play Dress rehearsal</b>
Sat	Dec 13		<i>Birthdays—Audrey Stinnett, Richard Taylor</i>
Sun	Dec 14	9:30	Sunday School
		<b>10:30</b>	<b>REGULAR Church Service – Children's Christmas Play</b>
			<b>(children arrive by 10:00)</b>
		<b>5:30</b>	<b>Youth Christmas Party</b>

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**There will be a**  
**Congregational meeting**  
**on Sunday, Dec 21st**  
**immediately after worship.**  
**To dissolve the call of Rev. Dr. Randall Jenkins**  
**effective December 31, 2025.**





## SESSION

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Jenkins, Moderator

Rev. Dan Kish

### Class of 2025

Greg Bowen

Jennifer Cash

Donald Dowdy

### Class of 2026

David Cummings

Bo Emerson

Sarah Rich

### Class of 2027

Carleton Smith

Brian Spear

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

Jody Bridges

Susan Griffith

Stephanie Sandwell

### Class of 2026

Cynthia Lill

Jeff Skinner

Jody Creekmore

### Class of 2027

Stephanie Crossley

Emma Goebel

Christy Heater

## TRUSTEES

### Class of 2025

Scott Dublin

### Class of 2026

John Newton

### Class of 2027

Bill Collins

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