



# Central Presbyterian Church



Seeing Shepherds, Daniel Bonnell

## FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020

Today's service will be livestreamed to Facebook ([facebook.com/centraldenver](https://facebook.com/centraldenver))  
and our website ([centraldenver.com/livestream](https://centraldenver.com/livestream))

## PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Wil Smith and Chris Jusell

## WELCOME

Louise Westfall

Please feel free to post comments, greetings, and prayer requests in the "Facebook comment" section throughout the service.

## GATHERING MUSIC

*The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The first Nowell 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

A child has been born for us, a son given to us; Authority rests upon his shoulder, and he is named:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. O come let us adore Him, Christ.

## CAROL

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

*1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*3 Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations;  
you have seen his natal star:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

*4 All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, not for one magical night or one holy season do you come to us. We confess the speed with which life returns to “normal.” The song of the angels grows fainter; the visions of peace dim; the good news gets drowned out by hard realities. Give us grace, O God, so that we will continue to seek your presence every day and follow where you lead; we pray in Jesus’ name.

## **SILENT PRAYERS**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!**

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Rise Up Shepherd! Reflections on the Spirituals

Louise Westfall

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

Sarah Eaton, soprano

Reflection

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-10

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**Central is now offering a way to join in Sunday morning worship without a smartphone or computer!** Congregation members may now phone in and hear just the audio of the service. Dial 1.339.207.6673 at 10:30am to participate.

**Join us after the service for our Zoom fellowship time.** All are welcome!

Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvHz>

**Congregational Meeting | Sunday, January 3, 11:30am**

Please plan to attend a congregational meeting to elect Elders and Deacons immediately following the Zoom fellowship time. Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvHz>. Password: CPC

**For more ways to worship and connect this week, check our website:** [centraldenver.com/stayconnected](https://centraldenver.com/stayconnected)

## **OFFERTORY**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Wil Smith

## OFFERING

To give by text, please text “centraldenver” to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card and donation amount.

To give online, go to <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/-/give/CPC>

To give to Central’s COVID-19 Relief Fund Text “centraldenver COVID” to 73256 or donate online at <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/give/COVID>

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

### PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

[Share signs of peace with those around you or by adding a greeting in the Facebook comments.]

## POSTLUDE

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

GO TELL IT