



Central Presbyterian Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

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

PRELUDE

Behold the Star

H.T. Burleigh
Charles Moore, tenor

WELCOME

Louise Westfall

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

GATHERING MUSIC

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Zemanick Family: Edith and Steve, Casey, Ben, Brody, Bob Towler

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

*1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*3 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!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tim Mooney

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

BIBLE STORY

The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem
Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

Molly Brown

READING

Matthew 2:13-17

SERMON

No Room?

Louise Westfall

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Louise Westfall

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>

Adult Faith Formation | 11:30am on Zoom

For the Season of Advent our Faith Formation classes will focus on hearing, feeling, and experiencing music that reflects the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. You will hear familiar hymns, but you will also be surprised by popular songs from here, and across the world, inviting us to embody God's love in our lives. Join us! Zoom link to join <https://rb.gy/encvhz>

Christmas Eve at Central | 5-7pm Carols by Request | 7pm Online Candlelight Service

Join Wil Smith before our Christmas Eve service from 5-7pm for a live concert of your favorite Christmas carols for piano and organ. At 7pm we will hold our online service with special Christmas music, a message of light and hope, and candelighting in your home.

Now is the time to commit your financial resources to Central's mission and ministries. View our 2021 Generosity Campaign materials and pledge online at centraldenver.com/generosity2021.

For more ways to worship and connect this week, check our website: centraldenver.com/stayconnected

OFFERTORY

Away in a Manger

arr. Mack Wilberg

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>

Christmas Joy Offering

The last of four special offerings we receive each year, the Christmas Joy Offering, may be sent directly to the church, given online at <https://onrealm.org/centraldenver/give/joytext>, or by text (text "centraldenver joy" to 73256). By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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

What Child is This

Chris Jusell, violin