



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
November 28, 2021

PRELUDE "Savior To the Nations, Come" by J.S. Bach
featuring Tom Bara, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP Eldon Horner

One: It doesn't matter whether or not you have great faith;
whether or not you are cynical or despairing, hope-filled or hope-less:
what matters to God is simply that you are here, close to home.
We are entering the time of Advent, a making ready for Christmas.
Advent reminds us that if God is to be born again
in the most ordinary parts of our world and our lives,
we need to prepare for it, close to home, starting today...

**ALL: Starting today, may we make the space in our lives
where love might be born and awakened in us again, close to home.**

One: So we enter the ancient story. Welcome to this tiny corner
of a harsh and dark world – then and now. Together, let us practice being ready
in the sturdy hope that God-in-Christ will come. Close to home!

HYMN "Word of God, Come Down to Earth " UMH No. 182

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

One: We dream God's dream, of a world at peace
Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
Where the poor and powerless find justice.
We remember God's promise of a Ruler of Peace,
Filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,
Of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.
We light our first Advent candle, and we pray with all our voices:

**ALL: Come Lord Jesus! Open our lives to the Peace which you come announcing.
May we turn toward you, and get ready!**

BAPTISM OF JADE LYNN JENKINS

Congregation responds:

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the
example of Christ. We will surround Jade with a community of love and
forgiveness, that she may grow up in her trust of God, and be found faithful in
her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Erica Kozlowski

“Where Children Belong”

(all sing)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eldon Horner

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

by Howard Helvey

featuring Central's Chancel Choir

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine; love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21: 25-36

(The Message Version)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Close to Home Advent Sermon Series:

SERMON

“Homesick for Peace”

Rev. Chris Lane

A TIME OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Linda Stephan

DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

HYMN

“There's a Spirit in the Air”

UMH No. 192

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Set Me As A Seal”

by John Bell

POSTLUDE

“Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us”

by J.S. Bach

featuring Tom Bara, organ

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan
Eldon Horner, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist;
Central’s Chancel Choir, Jeffrey Cobb, director

GREETERS: Linda Wolgast, Scott and Alicia Swanson

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Lynne Lombard & John Sonnemann
Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator
Silvio Ciccone, production director
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for joining us today!**



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