



# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

November 26, 2023, 9:15 AM  
Central Christian Church

## About our service:

We want worship to be comfortable for you. Feel free to bring your **coffee** with you into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an **offering** with us if you are motivated. Simply deposit your offering in the box on the south wall of the worship area or follow prompts to text-to-give or to give online.

## **MEDITATION TABLE:**

### STONES & VASE

Use the stones as a physical representation of your burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

### CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

### COMFORT CROSS

Feel free to pick up a cross and take it with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally. His comfort, care, and transformative power is at work for you, in you, and through you today and always. Receive it. Praise God and share His never-ending love with others.

### SCRIPTURE CARDS

Feel free to read and take one of the Scripture cards with you. You are encouraged to place it where you will see it throughout your week as a reminder of God's message for you.

### PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.



Wifi= CCCGuest  
No password  
needed.

## Christmas Care and Share

Help local families have a more fulfilling Christmas with items like: gloves, mittens, toys, boardgames, books, sports balls & hygiene supplies. garbage bags and wrapping supplies are also needed. Please bring donations to the Connection Café between 11/26 & 12/5.

## Calling All Bakers!

Come to the Christmas cookie exchange on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 2:00pm in the Lower Level renovated area. Please bake 3 dozen cookies to exchange. There will be snacks, games, and prizes.

## Nominating Committee Report, 2024-2026

On Sunday, December 3rd, we will have our annual congregational meeting. This will take place at 11:50 am in the Disciples Room. Every year in early December, we vote as a congregation to approve both the Nominating Committee's report as well as the proposed operating budget for the coming year. These will be our agenda items at the 12/3 meeting. According to our congregation's by-laws, we are to publish the Nominating Committee's report two weeks prior to the meeting. Copies of the proposed budget can be found in the Welcome Center and on the back table in the Great Hall.

## Northeast Community Fund

Food collections for the holidays will be on December 3rd. We will collect the usual cereal & canned non-perishable food products and add on dried milk, chicken broth, dried noodles, stuffing mix and any other traditional holiday foods. Also you may include facial tissues, bathroom tissue, paper towels, hand & body lotion, bandages, and dish soap. All are appreciated! Please bring all donations to the grocery cart located in the Connection Cafe. Thank you!!

## Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table **during the communion time**. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let Pastor Michael or Pastor Vicky know after worship.

**Worship Extras**

**Matthew 27:15-23 (NRSVUE)**

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

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**Responsive Reading**

Leader: We enter into your gates with thanksgiving.  
**People: We choose to draw near to you, loving God.**  
Leader: We enter into your courts with praise.  
**People: We choose to draw near to you, gracious God.**  
Leader: We turn away from the temptations of the crowd.  
**People: We choose to draw near to you, merciful God.**

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| <b><u>Serving Today</u></b>     | <b><u>Serving Next Sunday, 12/3</u></b> |
| Elder - Gretchen Kirby          | Elder - Janet Lyman                     |
| Deacon - Steve & Marci Baumann  | Deacon - Matt & Laura Moma              |
| Greeter - Steve & Marci Baumann | Greeter - Angie & Ron Ingram            |
| Liturgist - Marci Baumann       | Liturgist - Jodi Van Uytven             |
| Snacks - Steve & Marci Baumann  | Snacks - Angie Horvath                  |