



# Central Presbyterian Church



*Desert Highway, Michael Creese*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 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))

*All are welcome to share Communion; please bring bread and something to drink as you tune in.*

## PRELUDE

*Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

Louise Westfall

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

VENI EMMANUEL

*1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Charis, Ryan, Ahna & Liza Smith

## HYMN

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!*

*1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

*2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]*

*3 Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

## BIBLE STORY

Mary and Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem  
Matthew 1–2; Luke 1–2

Molly Brown

## READING

From the Prophet Isaiah 40:1–11

## SERMON

Not for You Alone

Louise Westfall

## MOMENT FOR SILENCE

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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

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

### 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/encvzhz>

**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](http://centraldenver.com/generosity2021).

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

## OFFERTORY

*The People Who Dwelled in Darkness*

G.F. Handel  
Paul Griggsby, soloist

## 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>

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS**

#### **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.

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **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**

*Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella*

Wil Smith