



CHRIST CENTRAL CHURCH

Virtual Stream Worship Service
December 6, 2020

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toy Donations Needed for Christmas Market

We are excited to host our fifth annual Christmas Market, a one-day, low-cost Christmas shopping event for families in the Durham area. We are in great need of toy donations.

Please shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) by next Tuesday, December 9.

All-Church Christmas Bonfire Rescheduled

Save the date and plan to join us on Friday, December 18 from 5-7pm. We'll sing Christmas songs and enjoy warm beverages and snacks. This event is open to the whole church and our community. Masks will be required when not eating or drinking, and social distancing will be in place as spread out on the open property of the Waters' home. Bring your own chairs or blanket! Sign up [here](#).

[Complete our online tear-off tab.](#)

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

SONG OF PRAISE*

Come Thou Fount

(Robert Robinson and John Wyeth)

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

1 Peter 2:24-25

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

What Child Is This
(William Chatterton Dix)

OFFERING

Your tithe and offering goes directly toward helping Christ Central Church follow Jesus in His mission during this time. In lieu of passing the plate, you can give [online](#), via the app, or by mailing a check.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Church of the week:

Union Baptist Church and Rev. Prince Rainey Rivers

You can text prayer requests to 919-886-4311, and our pastoral team will receive and pray over them.

SERMON PASSAGE*

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it

up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

SERMON

Rev. Daniel Mason

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church**,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF CELEBRATION*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

BENEDICTION*

**Congregation stand as able.*

***Means universal.*

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