

THE LIGHT OF PEACE FOR
THE WORLD



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Central Woodward Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

3955 West Big Beaver Road Troy, Michigan 48084

****Masks are required for in-person worship.****

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent-Peace

The Church Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Glen

*Call to Worship

John McCauslin

L: I bid you welcome to this place in the name of Jesus Christ, and in the name of all those around you.

P: If you seek it you will find peace in this place.

L: You will find that the hand of friendship and the caring heart are offered to you.

P: The Welcome is sincere.

A: We are here to worship for we know God has called us into his joy.

*Opening Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem 144 (v. 1,2)

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth. Your voices raise to God in praise; and peace to all on earth.

Baby Dedication for Quinn Nicole Moelker Snowhook

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Carol Cooper and William Greene

Voice 1: In the settle and stir of a burnt-orange sunrise, in the lilting laughter around a table full of friends, in the flash of clarity that turns on the light of insight and leads us towards wisdom, we find the peace that passes all understanding.

Voice 2: But there are things we need to understand. Help us hear your voice in the stories of those who struggle.

Voice 1: Peace is what the prophets foretold.

Voice 2: Peace is what is sacrificed when profit takes precedence over love.

Voice 1: We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to stand up for it.

Light the 2nd candle. (Voice 1)

Giving and Receiving Gifts

Hymn of Preparation: It Came upon the Midnight Clear 153 (v. 1,4)

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all from heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Call to Stewardship

John McCauslin

Stewardship is an important part of Christian life; our financial offerings not only support the ministry of the church but serve as an expression of faith and trust in the God who provides. For in-person worship, please place your offerings in the baskets at the back of the church upon exiting. For those worshipping online, you may mail in your offerings or use our Givelify app, found on the website.

Call to Communion and Words of Institution

John McCauslin

Prayer

Diana Payton

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 of Bread and Cup:

Jesus Christ invites all who are present, in person and online, to join with him at the communion table. For in-person worship, you may use your own elements or the pre-packaged elements of bread and juice. If worshipping online, we invite you to participate using elements from home.

Prayer after Communion:

Here at your table, dear God, we have experienced something of the peace that passes all understanding. May your peace continue with us as we go into the world. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*Benediction

Postlude

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We are an open and affirming congregation.

<p><u>This Week at Central Woodward</u> For more calendar details, check centralwoodwardchristian.com/calendar.</p> <p>Sun Dec 5 10:30a Worship Service (Both in-person and online.)</p> <p>Sun Dec 12 10:30a Worship Service (Both in-person and online.)</p> <p>Sun Dec 19 10:30a Worship Service (Both in-person and online.)</p>	<p><u>Prayer Requests</u> Health, Healing & Support: Bill Appenroth, Karin Diepholz, Nancy Fisher, David Heym, Ruth Mills, Dick Zimmerman Christian Church Michigan Region</p> <p><i>CWCC provides a confidential prayer chain. Contact Marge at margeham@att.net or 586-799-7360 for more information.</i></p>
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Sunday Worship Schedule

<p>Sunday, December 12 <i>Third Sunday of Advent-Joy</i> Scripture: Luke 3:1-6 Sermon: God Has Come Down</p>	<p>Sunday, December 19 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent-Love</i> Scripture: Luke 1:39-45 Sermon: Some Strange Twists & Turns</p>
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