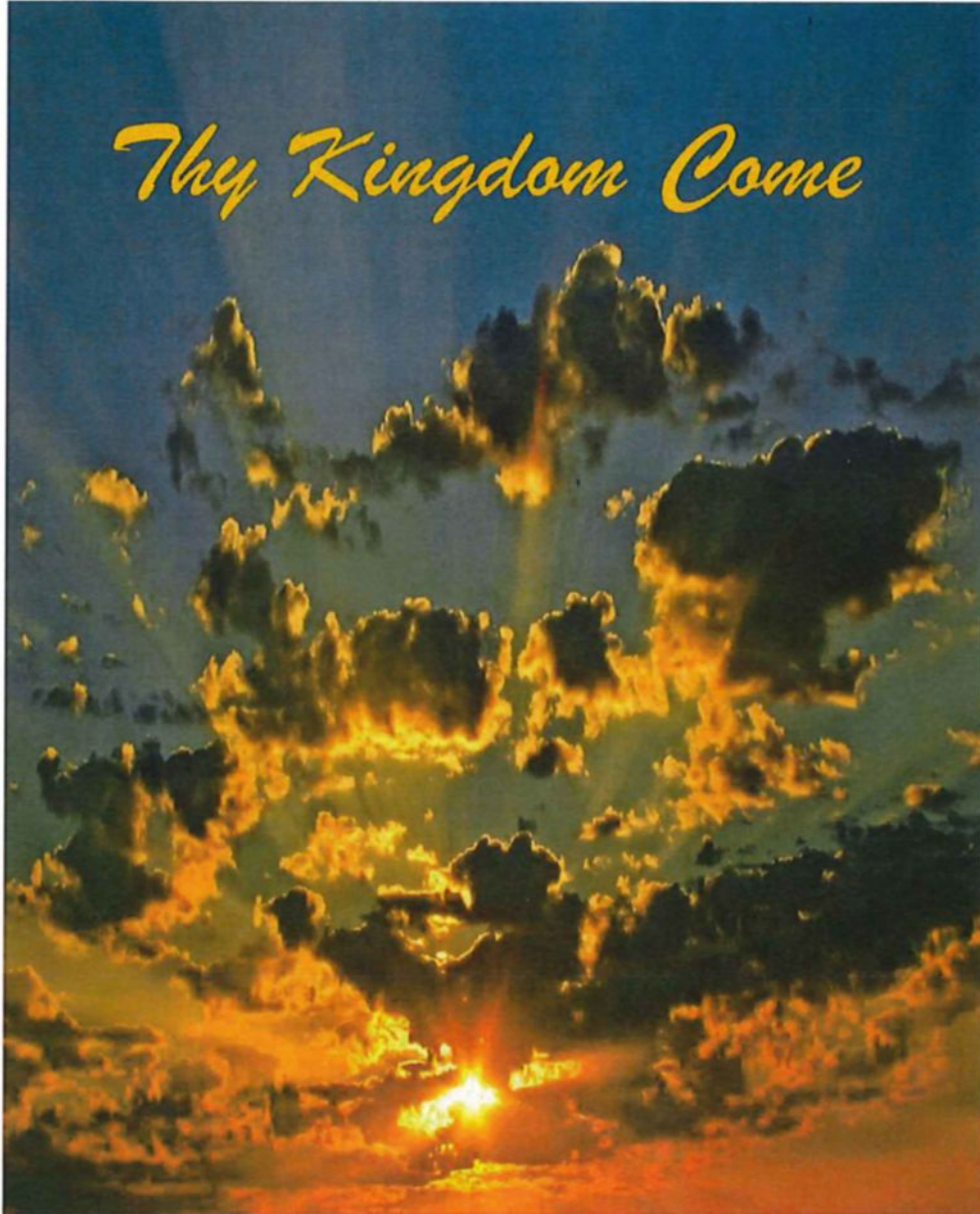


# Central Christian Church

Growing Our Faith, Living Our Faith, Sharing Our Faith —  
Together

*Thy Kingdom Come*



**December 18, 2016**

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**December 18, 2016**

Prelude—Nancy DeWees (11:00)  
**Gigue on O How Joyfully** David Lasky

Welcome—Michelle Fritz

*The Light of Christ is brought in as the service begins.*

**Joy to the World** Red 143 vs. 1, 2, 4

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice** Red 164

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Children are invited to Worship & Wonder

Time of Prayer—Seth Rash

**Silent Night, Holy Night** Red 145 vs. 1, 2

Prayer—Seth Rash

Scripture Reading  
**Matthew 21:28-32**

**Christmas Alleluia**—Choir

Sermon—Danny Couch

**I Wonder as I Wander** Red 161

Invitation to Communion—Dan Simmons

**The Circle of Faith** (8:30)

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** Red 163 (11:00)

Changing the Light of Christ

Closing Prayer—Danny Couch

Postlude—Nancy DeWees (11:00)  
**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** arr. Paul Manz

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## Mission of the Church

*Growing Our Faith,  
Living Our Faith,  
Sharing Our Faith...  
Together*

## 7 Elements of Our Faith

- Worship
- Studying Scripture
- Praying and Meditating
- Building Relationships
- Sharing Our Spiritual Gifts
- Sharing Our Resources
- Sharing Our Faith

What's happening at CCC—

## *Christmas Schedule*

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

7:00 pm - Candlelight Family Oriented Worship

11:00 pm - Candlelight Traditional Lessons & Carols

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

8:30 am - Worship

9:40 am - Coffee Fellowship

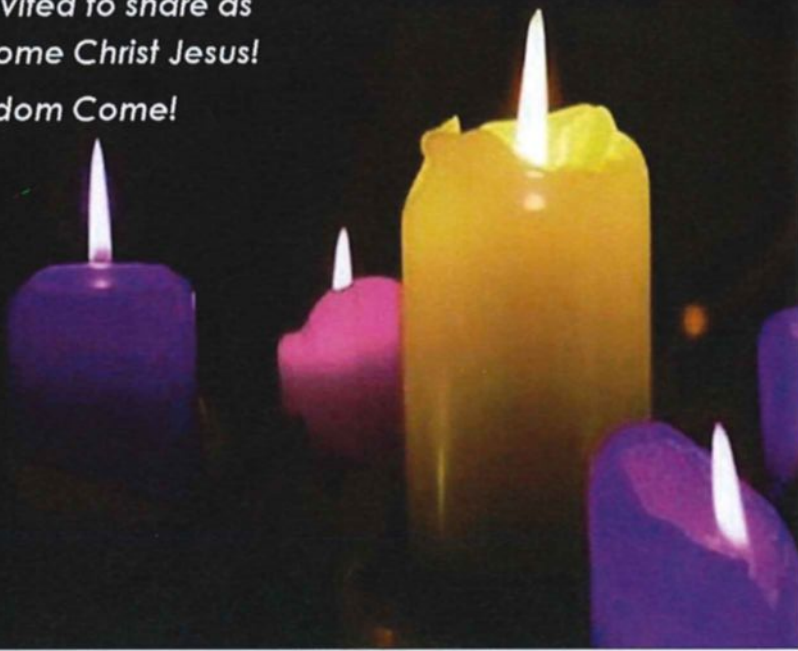
10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Community Christmas Dinner

*All are invited to share as  
we welcome Christ Jesus!*

*Thy Kingdom Come!*



**10 GREAT  
D<sup>♥</sup>OTES**  
TO ENERGIZE YOUR MARRIAGE

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

**Beginning Fri, Jan 13**

**Free Childcare**

## Calendar

### **Sunday, December 18**

7:30 am—Men's Breakfast  
7:45 am—8:30 Choir  
8:30 am—Worship  
9:30 am—Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 – 10:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship  
4:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **Monday, December 19**

9:00 am—Prayer Group  
9:30 am—ChirstCare  
6:30 pm—Grace Movers Disc Group

### **Tuesday, December 20**

10:00 am—Tuesday Discipleship Group  
6:30 pm—L.I.F.E. Discipleship Group

### **Wednesday, December 21**

9:30 am—Wednesday Discipleship Group  
There will be NO Wednesday Night Live!  
We will resume after Christmas Break  
on Wednesday, January 4

### **Saturday, December 24**

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### **Sunday, December 25**

#### ***Christmas Day***

7:45 am—8:30 Choir  
8:30 am—Worship  
9:30 am—Coffee Fellowship  
10:00—10:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship  
3:00—5:00—Community Christmas Dinner

### **Monday, December 26**

The Church Office will be closed.

**Contact the office at  
office@cccweatherford.org  
or 817-594-3053, to check  
availability on church calendar  
for meetings or equipment use to  
avoid any conflicts.  
Thank you.**

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### ***Memorial...***

Given in memory of Adam Troy by Beth Potter

### ***Memorial for Children Ministry...***

Given in memory of Fred & Trenton Potter by Beth Potter

## **Prayer Updates**

### **Recovering from Surgery**

Jerrie Brawley, Jane Smith, Jan Rodgers, Dee McKinley, Kurt Erickson

### **In Need of Prayer**

Anita Durrett

### **Homebound**

Jo Alexander, Judy Cassels, Randy Culpepper, Dorothy Henderson,  
Ann Sampler

## Another Kind of Christmas Carol by John Paul Carter

Along with the joyous carols of the season, I often find myself softly singing Merle Haggard's poignant Christmas song about an out-of-work father trying to deal with the cold, his little girl's disappointment, and his own struggle with despair. Against the darkness, he hopes:

*If we make it through December,  
Everything's gonna be all right I know.  
It's the coldest time of winter  
And I shiver when I see the falling snow.*

Most of us can identify with Haggard's ballad. It reminds us that, along with the light, there can also be a dark side to Christmas. If we've loved deeply and lived long enough, we've experienced the sorrow, loneliness, and fatigue that can accompany the Yuletide season – probably more than once.

Suffering caused by separation from our loved ones is sometimes unavoidable at Christmas time. Death and illness, both physical and mental, are no respecters of the calendar. The impact of unemployment, financial strain, and unmet expectations can be devastating. And our despair is often made worse by the stark contrast between our own sadness and the joy we perceive in others.

Thankfully, Christmas is not about putting on a happy face when your heart is breaking – trying to fit in with the way you think you're supposed to feel. Although everybody else's spirits may seem to be soaring and others are running full speed day and night, all you may be able to do with God's help is just to put one foot in front of the other without collapsing. That takes real courage!

Christmas in the presence of another's pain is not about saying the right thing or trying to artificially cheer them up. It's about respecting boundaries, accepting each other as we are, and being with each other in such a way that the *Silent Night* will not seem like empty darkness.

Christmas is not about the impossible task of giving everyone in our lives everything they want. It's about doing what we can with understanding and love. "If we would do what we can't," Wendell Berry says, "We will do what we can."

Christmas is about sharing so that no one goes without food, clothing, shelter, companionship, and love – in December and all the months that follow.

Christmas is about those who have hope being with those who have lost hope until they can find their way out of darkness into the light again. Making it through December is not about there being no more darkness but about the God-Light shining on in the darkness as we make life's journey together.

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, help us make it through December – together.

Amen

### Church Staff

Senior Minister—Danny Couch  
Faith Development Minister—Dan Simmons  
Youth Minister—Seth Rash  
Children's Minister—Michelle Fritz  
Choir Director—Mac Chesnut  
Pianist/Assistant Choir Director—James Buckner  
Organist—Nancy DeWees  
Guitarist—Tony Brancato  
Media Technician—Ryan Grant  
Minister of Media & Promotions—Remy Tercero  
Child Care Workers—Christy Butler, Tessa Moore, Ellary Pardington  
Administrative Assistant—Joy Ellis

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**Serving Schedule**



**Sunday, December 18**

Elders: 8:30 Service: Jay Larmer & Mary Lou Curry  
 11:00 Service: Bill Mitchell & Jill Mitchell  
 Communion Prep: 8:30 Service: Lynn Pool  
 11:00 Service: Deacon Team Three  
 Greeters: 8:30 Service: Sherry Wilson  
 11:00 Service: Thurman Family  
 Homebound Serving: Flock 1–Craig Atherton & Elaine Weatherall  
 Flock 2–Linda Salmon & Darlene Benson  
 Flock 3–Lynn Norris & Byron & Elaine Little  
 Acolytes: 8:30 Service: Ariana Guerrero  
 11:00 Service: Caleb Decker  
 Coffee Fellowship: Seeker/Sonrise Class

**Sunday, December 25**

Elders: 8:30 Service: Jay Larmer & Mary Lou Curry  
 11:00 Service: Jill Mitchell & Bill Mitchell  
 Communion Prep: 8:30 Service: Martha & Warner Killough  
 11:00 Service: Deacon Team Three  
 Greeters: 8:30 Service: Cathy Simonds  
 11:00 Service: Pat Simon  
 Acolytes: 8:30 Service: Aley Labra-Sanchez  
 11:00 Service: Aliya Decker  
 Coffee Fellowship: Friendship Class

**Attendance and Giving**

**December 11, 2016**

8:30 Worship: 86  
 11:00 Worship: 98  
 Sunday School: 90

Weekly Budget	11,550.25
General Offering	15,380.22
Plate Offering	12,520.00
Electronic Giving (Vanco)	2,860.22
Memorial	50.00
Memorial for Children's Ministry	100.00
Discretionary/Agape Outreach	520.00
Agape Christmas Dinner	50.00
Bridging Cultures (Includes Vanco)	85.00
Crossroads (Includes Vanco)	44.09
Feed the Kids/Philippines	20.00
Music Ministry (Includes Vanco)	50.00
Youth Missions (Includes Vanco)	60.00
Building Fund (Includes Vanco)	176.00

Return Service Requested  
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Electronic Giving is a convenient and consistent way of supporting the ministries of the church, growing our faith, living our faith, and sharing our faith— together.

Call the church office to get started today or you can visit our electronic giving site on your smart phone directly with the QR Code.

