



Central College
Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am



✦ BEST WISHES ✦

We welcome you to worship this morning!

The ☩ indicates everyone standing, when possible.

Call to Worship

Leader:

Christian Crotte

Call to Worship:

based on

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

The prelude is an arrangement of the opening hymn "Once in Royal David's City." It was originally a poem by Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895), wife of the bishop of Derry. The tune was composed by English organist Henry J. Gauntlett. This carol has opened the Nine Lessons and Carols in Cambridge England since 1918.

Please sign the attendance pad in the pocket on each pew. (In the balcony, pass it across both aisles as well.) The ushers receiving the offerings will collect the pages.
Thank you.

Gathering in Shared Worship

Prelude **Once in Royal David's City** arr. John Innes

Welcome and Announcements

☩ Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: O God our Guide and Helper, we come to worship you!

People: *You stay beside us as we journey through life.*

Leader: O God our Just and Holy One, we come to thank you!

People: *You lead us in your path of justice and peace.*

Leader: O God, our Trustworthy Leader, we come to praise you!

People: *We know we can always rely on your promises.*

**All: *O God, we gather to worship, praise and thank you.
Amen.***

☩ **Hymn** **Once in Royal David's City** 49 (trad. lyrics)

All: Once in royal David's city,
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for His bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

Men: He came down to earth from heaven,
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And His shelter was a stable,
 And His cradle was a stall;
 With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
 Lived on earth our Savior holy.

Women: Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
 Day by day, like us He grew;
 He was little, weak and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us He knew;
 And He feeleth for our sadness,
 And He shareth in our gladness.

All: And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Humbly Bowing Before God

Unison and Silent Prayers of Confession

Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness often choose darkness instead of light. Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal. Forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Savior, *Amen*.

Response Joy to the World 40 vs. 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Message for Young Disciples (9:30)

Anthem Mary, Did You Know? Lowry/Greene
Christian Crotte

Call to Confession:
John 3:19

Affirmation of Grace:
John 8:12

† **Hymn** **Another Year is Dawning**

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

† **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Offering

For All the Blessings of the Year

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

Hearing and Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Message

The Wise Ones

Pastor David Redding



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online giving.

Scripture Readers:

8:00-Cory Baker

9:30-Lori Morrow

11:00-Randy Piersall

Scripture Response:

Leader: This is the
Word of the Lord

**People: *Thanks be
to God!***

Today's scripture
lesson can be found
on page **681** of
the pew Bible.

Responding with Thanksgiving in Mission

Prayers of the People and 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.*

Baptism (11:00)

Everett Douglas Barnhart, son of Wynne and Kevin Barnhart

✝ Hymn **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

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Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

✝ Benediction

✝ Postlude **Go Tell It on the Mountain**
Mark Meuser, organist

arr. Richard Elliott

As we leave our
worship today,
be sure to send
others on their
way with a smile
and a kind word!

Interested members
of the congregation
are welcomed to
the organ console
during the postlude.



If the Lord Jesus Christ is becoming more real to you today, or if you would like to make a commitment to Him or reaffirm your relationship to Him, please speak to one of our Pastors.

TODAY

Worship 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Pastor David Redding - preaching all four services

Pastor Ronald Lokhorst - assisting

Pastor Malcolm Davis - away from services today

Families with children: In the 9:30 service, when the children are dismissed after the Children's Message, grades K-5 will be led to the Activity Area downstairs, and Preschool children will go to room 102. Parents may pick their children up in those places after the service.

During the 11:00 service, your children are welcome in the Sanctuary! However, if they get restless, Ballard Hall is available for family worship with the service shown on closed-circuit TV, and quiet activities are available for children in the cabinet beneath the screen.

Fellowship Hour—Everyone is invited to Ballard Hall after each Sunday morning service for refreshments and fellowship!

Youth Fellowship—No YF today due to New Year's Eve.

*For more announcements and event information, **Two Weeks@CCPC** is available in the pedestal stands located outside each door of the Chapel and Sanctuary exits.*

The church campus will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 (except for AA.)

End-of-Year Giving for the Operating Fund Each year, many members choose to make an additional year-end gift. This year, gifts are being sought to support the Operating Fund, which is the base that supports not only our church, but also all of our missions, ministries, and programs. For 2017 taxes, gifts must be received (or postmarked) in 2017.

A Busy Place Every Day! CCPC is a family of teachers, evangelists, missionaries, disciples, worshippers, and friends—this makes for a VERY busy campus! If your group requires regular or one-time meeting space, or if your current schedule is changing, *please contact Barbara in the church office to schedule your event on the calendar, barbara@ccpc.us or 614-882-2347.* This includes off-campus events.

Sermon Notes

12/31 /17 - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

The Wise Ones

Matthew 2:1-12, page **681** in the pew Bible.

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:00 Chapel

Our Pastors:

- Malcolm S. Davis
- David M. Redding
- Ronald D. Lokhorst,
Parish Associate
- “Rev” Richard D.
Ellsworth, *Pastor Emeritus*

Bulletin information should be submitted to **David Meulenberg** by **Monday 5pm**.

Email is preferred, **davidmeulenberg@ccpc.us**, but written information is also welcome. Please include your name and contact info in case of questions.

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Get Social

