

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023 @ 10am

Welcome and Announcements

- Opening:** Angels we have heard on high
Manger throne
- Prayer:** O come O come Emmanuel
- Message:** Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha
- Sermon :**
No more twists
- Scripture:**
John 1:1-5, 9-14
- Choir:** It's Christmas
- Offering:** Christmas offering
- Closing:** Emmanuel (God with us)
- Greeters:** Horst & Sharon Wohlgemut

*We are so glad you are here.
We are a Jesus church, where everyone is welcome,
where no-one is perfect and everyone is loved.*

*Join us for fellowship and refreshments
in the hall after service.*

Sunday, Dec 24th @ 6pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight Service

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for
behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:10

Joy

SESSION MEETING

Notes from December Session meeting

- **Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of congregation will be held on Sunday January 28 immediately following the worship service. Everyone who attends Central and contributes to the life and work of the congregation is encouraged to attend and take part in this important meeting where we take stock of 2023 and plan ahead for 2024.
- **January Session meeting:** Due to the New Year's holiday, the January session meeting will be held on Wednesday January 10.
- **Downtown Wedding Week:** The Downtown BIA has asked Central to host the "Candlelit Wedding Singer Showcase" on March 9 as part of Wedding Week. We will be the venue where musicians showcase their playing for prospective weddings.
- **Annual Report:** Submissions for the 2023 Annual Report are due in the office no later than December 31.
- **Offering Plates:** We received a donation of some new offering plates from Maranatha Christian Reformed Church. They are larger and much lighter to handle.
- **Christmas Eve Service:** There is one service on Sunday Dec. 24, a Candlelight service at 6 pm. Doors will open at 5 pm.
- **Christmas Gift Bags:** Our Central Cares Team will deliver Christmas Gift Bags to our members who are homebound.

Stewardship: As we begin to plan for 2024, you can help us plan for the year by joining PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Completing the enclosed form today will enable your offering to be delivered to the church monthly, directly from your bank account. This can be changed at any time through the church office. This important program helps us to understand the funds we have to work with as a church.



Debit Machine: The church has a debit machine which can be used for offerings, special donations etc. It is on the table at the main entrance each Sunday.

All contributions to be included in 2023 tax year, should be received by the office by noon December 29, 2023.



OUR "MITTEN TREE" for KIDS

Once again, your contributions are tremendous! The items on the tree have been sent to the Food Bank this past week so they can be distributed before Christmas.

However, the Mitten Tree will remain until the end of December, so we can fill it up again. January and February are cold months, and there is an ongoing need for hats, scarves, mitts, and gloves all winter long. We will do a second delivery of items to the Food Bank in January. Thank you so much for your support!



FINAL TALLY FOR GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Many thanks to those who participated and supported our Going the Extra Mile fundraiser.

Your generosity raised \$12,075 for Rachel's Home, our orphanage in Lesotho.



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR RACHEL'S HOME

Our stocking collection raised an astonishing \$1,173.00!!!

These much needed funds will be used to give these children a Christmas dinner, and to purchase vitamins, clothing, and food for the all of the children.

Are you **on** **PAR?**

As Christians, we are encouraged to consider giving to God as an act of worship and thanksgiving.

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) enables you to give your offering intentionally, proportionally and faithfully all year long—even when you are away—through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account.

By giving regularly to your church family, you help nurture your congregation, support your church home, teach children and young people about Christ and support people in your community through mission and outreach programs. Using PAR to provide a regular, dependable flow of contributions throughout the year helps your congregation to plan and budget while increasing their overall financial stability.

Regular giving makes a difference!

**We grow in generosity
when we develop the habit
of regular giving.**

1 Corinthians 16:2

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Online Bulletin

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Our online bulletin includes:

- Order of Service
- What's Happening this week
- Announcements
- Other Links

