

# Christ Central

An ABC Fellowship

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*“Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”-Luke 2:10b,11*

## Welcome & Greeting

**\*Singing:** #133 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## \*Invocation

**\*Singing:** #128 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**Scripture Reading:** *Luke 2:7-15*

**Lighting of the “Candle of Joy”**

**Morning Community Prayer**

**Worship Video:** *“This Is Christmas”*- Kutless

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

*\*followed by the Doxology and Prayer of Dedication for the Offering*

**\*Singing:** #148 *O Holy Night*

**Message:** *“Shepherds”*-Pastor Chris Thompson

**\*Singing:** #131 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

**Benediction**

\* Indicates to please stand if you are able.

Hearing assistance headphones are available. Please ask an usher.

Children’s Church and Nursery care is available during Worship Service downstairs.

Children will rejoin us in the gym after the service

## Opportunities of the Week

Tuesday

9:30 am – Bible Study  
4:30 pm- Worship Team Rehearsal  
4:30 pm- Adult Bible Study- Ignite your Passion for God  
6:30 pm - Youth Group

Wednesday

6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Thursday

9:30 am – Quilting Meeting

Sunday

8:55 am- Breakfast  
9:30 am- Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 am- Worship Service

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**Advent 4 Angel – December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**  
**All services starting at 11:00 a.m.**

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Prayer Requests:

- **Debbie Powell:** Prayers for Dorothy and Michael Flynn and their apartment troubles, success for students as school winds down and they head into winter break, for Paula and Matt to find a good job.
- **Dusty and Linda Waite:** Dusty has a friend whose son is not doing well. Prayers for him and the father, for understanding and clarity on how to help.
- **Paula Mendez:** Thank God for the blessings of the church. Feeling loved and welcomed by church members. Hopes God answers all prayers.
- **Herb Alvord:** Recovery from Lymphoma according to Lord’s will.
- **Charlotte Snell:** Prayers for safe delivery of identical twin girls, for journey of Tom and Katie Snell, grandchildren.
- **Rich Hovey:** Prayers for friend to find work, housing and get back on his feet. In addition, to become closer to God.
- **Jerry Cameron:** Prayers for Christ Central and Immanuel.

### Notice:

- Wifi password: JesusSaves! Network is ASUS
- New Hospitality chair, Carol Scott
- Hired Richie Hovey as new maintenance man, to contact him, his email is richardhovey26@gmail.com
- **OIKOS** – If you are interested in an OIKOS class in your neighborhood, please indicate so on your connection card, we will contact you.
- **New Directory Dec 31st**, any changes in address, phone # or email, please indicate on Connection Cards.

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**Worship Team: Bob Glaza, CJ Lockhart, Michelle Witt, Carol Scott, Freedom Thompson, Ashley Heister, Lydia Thompson, and Hannah Wack**

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## Luke 2:7-15

### Shepherds

- **Players in the Incarnation**
  - God the Father
  - Holy Spirit
  - Christ
  - Mary
  - Joseph
  - Zacharias
  - Elizabeth
  - Simeon
  - Anna
  - Angels
- **Faith Hears: vs 8-14**
- **Faith Believes: vs 14**
- **Faith Acts: vs 15-16**
- **Faith Shares: vs 17-19**

If you were writing your Faith Story, where in this process do you often get stuck?

Each of these “players” had a role to play. Do you see yourself as a player in God’s story right now?

Verses to consider: Luke 2:21-38



Adoration of the Shepherds  
– Francois Boucher 1760