

To Take God's Love to the World

White Gift Sunday will be December 10, 2017. Unwrapped gifts for children will be used by Inner City Outreach to distribute to needy families on Christmas Day. Gifts for all age groups are needed. \$10.00 gift certificates for the 12, 13 and 14 year olds are also welcome. To participate, bring your gift that Sunday.

Christmas Market Shout-out to all bakers!

On Saturday December 9, the market garden vendors are holding a Christmas market in our gym. As a fundraiser, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a tea room for those attending the market. We would greatly appreciate it if you could add a dozen extra squares or cookies to your holiday baking and donate them to our tea room goodies. If you can help, please contact Cathy Keith at gandckeith@gmail.com or Alex Prince at aprince222@gmail.com.

Financial Vital Signs

As at October 31, 2017

	31-Oct-17	YTD 2017
Income	\$37,273	\$361,148
Expenses	\$34,128	\$372,150
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$3,145	(\$11,002)

Thank you for your generosity!

Save the Date

Sunday December 3

10:30 a.m. Communion Sunday -

We Welcome New Members

Cookie Walk after the Service - Christmas puddings for sale!

7:00 p.m. CPC Book Club

Saturday December 9

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Market

Sunday December 10

10:30 a.m. White Gift Sunday

7:30 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Carol Service with organ, brass and timpani

Wednesday December 13

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion followed by Fellowship and Prime Time Christmas Luncheon

Thursday December 21

7:30 p.m. Longest Night of the Year Service, for those who find the Christmas season difficult

Sunday December 24

10:30 a.m. - Sunday Service

4 p.m. Christmas Pageant

8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Communion

Sunday December 31

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Minister - The Rev. Dr. J. Gregory Davidson
 Minister Emeritus - The Rev. Dr. Alan M. McPherson
 Director of Music - Paul Grimwood
 Interim Director of Discipleship Ministries - Eric O'Neil
 Pastoral Visitor - The Rev. Franklin Thomas
 Children's Music & Choir Coordinator - Sara Traficante

This Month at Central Presbyterian Church

December 2017



And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

~Angel Gabriel

A warm welcome to first time worshippers.

To Worship God

Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m., with Nursery and Faith Finders, age 3 to grade 8; Teen Faith Finders December 10.

Parking shuttle leaves City Hall parking lot for Central at 9:50 a.m., 10:05 a.m., and 10:20 a.m. Returns to the City Hall parking lot at 11:50 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 12:20 p.m.

December 3 - Hope. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 . Holy Communion and Joining Sunday.

December 10 - Peace. Isaiah 40:1-11. White Gift Sunday and Children's Advent Choir.

December 17 - Joy. Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11. "The oil of gladness instead of mourning."

December 24 - Love. Luke 1:26-38. "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

December 31 - Light. Luke 2:22-40. Worshipping together the final Sunday of 2017!

Every Wednesday - Holy Communion in the McPherson Chapel, 12:10 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Central's Christmas Pageant will take place during the afternoon Christmas Eve service and all children are invited to participate. There will be a rehearsal for the pageant during the service on Sunday December 10.

To Grow as Disciples of Jesus

Faith Finders, age 3 - grade 8

Preschoolers / Grades 1-3 class / Grades 4-8 class

Advent will be the focus of Faith Finders for the month of December

December 3 - HOPE (Mary's story)

December 10 - PEACE (Old Testament connections)

December 17 - JOY (The Shepherds' Invitation)

December 24 - LOVE (Jesus enters our world as a baby)

December 31 - LIGHT (Baby Jesus taken to the temple)

Youth Bible Study - Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m.

Each week includes scripture, discussion, music and games. November 28 to December 19 we will look at the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. *This group will not meet on December 26 or January 2, but will begin meeting again on January 9.

Advent Faith & Family Night

Friday December 1

from 5:30-7:30pm

for children and adults of all ages!

We will share a meal together and a time of worship and then spend the rest of the evening looking into the Advent story through various activities.

To Grow as Disciples of Jesus *continued*

Teen Faith Finders Class

We will have class on December 10, January 7 and January 21 during the morning service.

To Care for One Another

The prayer team confidentially prays for your needs. To request prayer or to be part of the team that prays, contact Donna Thomas at 905-664-8107 or at dtandft64@gmail.com.

We are looking for musical accompaniment for the Christmas carol singing on Sunday mornings (10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.) in December. If you can play any instrument to keep us on key, please contact Linda 905-979-9867 or Laura Pokoradi 905-385-9217. For everyone else, please remember to come and join in the carol singing. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday December 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the **CPC Book Club** will meet to review Thomas C. Foster's New York Times best seller, "How to Read Literature Like a Professor" facilitated by Gwynneth Simpson. With the sub title "A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines", the author provides us with a broad overview of literature--a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower--and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun. Everyone is welcome to join the group in the Allan Room.