

**Advent Sermon Series**

ADVENT 2021 SERMON SERIES

# Whose Birthday Is It?

November 28-Getting Ready  
 December 5-Forget Perfect  
 December 12-What Love?  
 December 19-Check His List  
 December 24-Best Gift Ever  
 December 26-New Way

This morning, we welcome the Rev. Toby Chastain to our worship service. Rev. Chastain is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church and serves at First UMC in Decatur as their associate pastor.

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"All Creatures of Our God and King" - arr. Sewell c. 1999 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul" - arr. Ritter c. 1995 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Come Ye Thankful People Come" Arr. Parks © 2012 Word Music, LLC "

"Joy Unending" - Smith c. 1999 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

**Facemasks are Recommended**



**and Encouraged while indoors.**

Join us **today at 1:30** if you would like to help **decorate** the church for **Christmas.**

There will be a **Church Council/Charge Conference** meeting on **November 28 at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome.

**Let's celebrate** the start of December remembering what the Christmas season is really about, the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord! On **Dec 1 at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall we will celebrate with a **TACO bar, birthday cake and entertainment.** If you would like to make a donation for the purchase of a **poinsettia in honor or in memory** of a loved one, please notate on your check in memory or in honor of and the name. Names will be listed in the Dec 19 bulletin. Forms are also located around the church.

**November Financials**

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Nov 7	\$6,905
Needed for Nov	\$62,235
Received for Nov	\$34,270

**Last Week's Attendance**

In-person:	145
Online:	37

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



**Calendar**  
**Sunday, November 21**  
 9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
 9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)  
 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 1:30 PM Decorate for Christmas  
 No Night Programming/Children or Youth

**Tuesday, November 23**  
 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L  
 2:30 PM Prayer Team

**Wednesday, November 24**  
 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
 No Night Programming/Children & Youth

**Thursday, November 25**  
 Thanksgiving Day, Church office closed

**Friday, November 26**  
 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
 9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible  
 Church Office Closed

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
 LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
 L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar:  
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Sunday School – 9:30 AM  
 Worship – 10:30 AM

# CHRIST THE KING

Revelation 1:4b-8



Central's mission:  
**Love God, love others, and serve the world**

**November 21, 2021**

Christ the King

10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

*\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

arr. Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

**Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.**

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

**Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #131 "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;

He chastens and hastens his will to make known.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.

Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,

Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;

So from the beginning the fight we were winning;

Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,

And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;

Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Greeting

Hymn #2036 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.  
*(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
*(repeat)*

Give thanks.

Prayers of the People

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Special Music "Come Ye Thankful People Come"

*Arr. Parks*

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in; Ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide; For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple come; Raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His Harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day; All offenses purge away.  
Give His angels charge at last; In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store; In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come; to thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin.  
There forever purified, In Thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all Thine angels come; Raise the glorious harvest home.

Bible Reading — Revelation 1:4b-8

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — "A Kingdom of Priests"

Rev. Toby Chastain

Closing Hymn #92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

**Refrain**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night;  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

**Refrain**

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

**Refrain**

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Joy Unending"

*Smith*