

Worship with Central Christian Church, Dallas

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

We invite you to prepare your worship space in advance to make your experience more meaningful.

How will you "prepare the space?" Consider a candle, a flower, a cross, and the bread and juice for communion.

Worship spaces (at church, on a retreat, etc.) are prepared in advance. People may gather meaningful symbols that aid in meditation (like a cross or an image of Jesus). Someone has also prepared communion in advance, bringing the elements of the bread and the cup, the fruit of the vine, so that they are available at the appointed time.

How will you "prepare yourself?" Consider reading the scripture and becoming familiar with the songs to be sung. Make note of your prayer requests - joys and sorrows - and share them so others can pray with you.

Study of the Scriptures and familiarity with the music can aid in your worship. Spend time with them in the days or hours before and after worship, drinking them in and allowing them to permeate your spirit so that you carry them with you.

This Sunday's Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14

For text only (NRSV): [Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

For the text with study resources including translations, original language study, and commentaries, please click: [This thorough and trusted site uses ads to make all of the additional resources available free of charge] [Jeremiah 31:7-14](#)

Get Connected:

Worship together with others by joining one of the links below. Share with friends and family so that they can join as well.

[Facebook Worship Link](#)

Zoom Worship via Telephone (Call and listen in; no video) - Dial: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Tele-worship Phone Conference Call - Dial: tel:214-699-5100; Enter Access Code #6371829

May God bless you as you draw near in worship and prayer.

Please let us know how we can be supporting you.

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Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 – 11:00 AM

*Remember to gather your communion supplies and prepare your worship space.
Consider lighting a candle, having a cross, and of course access to a bible.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preservice Music		Scott Ayers
Welcome to our Live Feed		Micheal Raines
Prelude	<i>“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”</i>	Scott Ayers
	Arr. by Allen Page	
Greeting and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford
Call to worship		



Prayers of the People		Russell Church
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We gather our thoughts as we prepare to pray.

Please share your joys and concerns in the comments or chat so that we may lift them up this week.

If you prefer a more private means, you may direct message, email or call the church.

Email: central.christian.dallas@gmail.com / Ph.: 214-526-7291

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.

Music Meditation	<i>“This is the Day of New Beginnings”</i>	Scott Ayers
Scripture	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Michael Raines
Sermon	<i>“The Gifts of Christmas 2020: Confidence”</i>	Ken Crawford
Anthem	<i>“This Little Light of Mine”</i>	Scott Ayers
Lord's Supper		Ken Crawford Russell Church

*All are welcome, wherever you may be. The Lord Jesus extends His invitation to everyone.
If you sense him drawing you near, then join in this holy time. Gather your own bread and juice where you are and know that when you receive them in Jesus' name, you receive him.*

Communion *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* Scott Ayers
 Arr. by Carolyn Hamlin

CH #143 (v1) *"Joy To The World"* Issac Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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CH #602 (verses 1 & 2) *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* Washington Gladden

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

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CH #595 (verses 1 & 2) *"Be Thou My Vision"* Mary E. Byrne

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

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CP #15 *"Let There Be Peace On Earth"*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony,
Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment, in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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Benediction & Blessing

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Postlude

"Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir"
by J.S. Bach

Scott Ayers

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Giving Remotely: During this time when we are not "in person" to give, please remember to support the work of the church in the world as generously as you are able. You can mail a check to the church, bring it by the office weekdays btw 12-3pm, or give online at CCCDT.org/give. You can also set up autopay through your bank the same way you might with a utility bill, and the church will receive your contributions in a regular and timely manner.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.