

Christmas 2019

Dear Congregation of Central,

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11 NRSV)

The Lord - its one of the titles given to Jesus, born at Christmas.

Kurios is *Lord* in Greek, defined as a person to whom something or someone belongs absolutely. Master, Sovereign, Ruler.

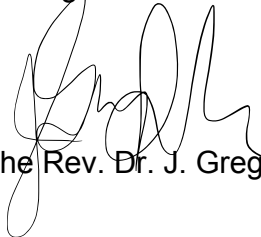
Christ as *Lord* is seen so keenly at Christmas. His lordship is not flaunted. It is not forceful - Jesus arrived as a baby humbly in the town of David, a small place. His Lordship and presence is something that is received.

Where do we need Jesus, *the Lord* this Christmas? In our world, many rulers claim great authority but Christ is *Lord*. In our church, a diverse and rich community of believers, Christ is *Lord*. In our own lives and families, we look to Jesus at Christmas as *Lord* of **all** things.

"Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:9-11 NRSV)

This Christmas, may we find our deepest joy, meaning, and grace when bowing our own selves before Christ, our Lord, the one who lifts "up the lowly" (from Luke 1:52 NRSV). Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas.

Through Christ our Lord,



The Rev. Dr. J. Gregory Davidson



Christmas Eve Services are:

December 24, 4 p.m. **Christmas Pageant**

December 24, 8 p.m. **Worship with Communion and Choir**

December 8, 2019: **Candlelight Carol Service** link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUHgadSknMw>