

**Welcome to Central United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Service 2017
10:30 p.m.**

**indicates to please stand as you are able*

Preparing for Worship *Jeff Heald*
An Angel to the Shepherds Spoke *Broughton*
What Child is This? *John Behnke*

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*

***Carol #246 (red) Joy to the World**

We are Called to Worship - Lighting the Advent Wreath
Rawn and Donna Spearman

One: As we light the candle of Christ's birth, we come to worship
the One.

All: God who is with us.

One: God has made a way where there was no way.

**All: God has given us a child, a savior, who reigns with
peace, justice, authority, and love.**

Scripture reading and candle lighting

A moment of silence

Unison Prayer from "Cloth for the Cradle"

**In the face of the Gospel, let us ask God for a good Christmas:
That no powerful nation should tax the poor or uproot them;
that no unmarried mother should be put away in disgrace; that
no door will be shut on those who need to find it open; that
shepherds and sheep and all of nature need not be afraid; that
barbed wire and angry soldiers may not be found in
Bethlehem; that wise men and wise women might appear in
Belfast, in Iraq, in Indonesia, in South America, in the United
States; that this Christmas, worship may become a manger,
and the church a stable, and the rumor become a reality that
Christ has come among us. And this we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Scripture *Psalm 96 Carolyn Stanford*

Special Music *God Rest Ye Merry / Good King Wenceslas*
Melissa Collins, Harpist arr. Ray Pool

***Carol #238 (red) Angels We Have Heard on High**

We Pray Together

*Following the pastor's prayer, we will speak the names of others
who need special prayers today.*

*This ends with the words: "Lord, in Your Love,"
the people respond: "**Hear our prayers.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Were You There on that Christmas Night?*
Chancel Choir & Cappella Ringers arr. N. Sleeth

Offering

Impressions on Veni, Emmanuel~Moklebust Cappella Ringers

Response: All things come from you, O God.

All: And of your own have we given you.

***Song of Dedication #221 v.4 In the Bleak Midwinter**

**Prayer of Dedication*

***Carol #230 (red)**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture *Luke 2:1-20 Bruce Bishop*

Message *Pastor Michelle*

Celebrating Holy Communion *p.15 (red)*
*Central's communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape
juice. All are welcome to receive Communion*

Communion Music
Christmas Medley Chancel Choir
Away in the Manger/Dance of the Divine Melissa Collins, Harpist

Carol #239 (red)

Silent Night, Holy Night

*The harp will introduce the carol
Please remain seated and remember to keep lit candles upright
as you receive the light of Christ*

*Benediction

*Preparing for Christmas *Go Tell It On The Mountain*
arr. Sean Stafford & Chad Louden

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Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost
Liturgist: Bruce Bishop
Chancel Choir Director: Carolyn Stanford
Bell Choir Director:.....Denise Johnson
Organist: Jeff Heald
Pianist: Sean Stafford
Advent Readers: Rawn & Donna Spearman
Communion Stewards:..... Karen Avedisian, Pauline Witt

New Year's Eve Services

9:00am Café Central – Refreshments in the Dining Room
10:00am – Informal Service

Sunday Mornings at Central

8:30am – Informal Service
9:30am Café Central – Refreshments in the Dining Room
9:30am – Sunday School for all ages
11:00am – Traditional Service
Child care provided at both services

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