

**Welcome to Central United Methodist Church**  
**Christmas Eve 2017**  
**4:30 p.m.**

*\*indicates to please stand as you are able and comfortable*

Music to Prepare for Worship	<i>Roger Richards</i>
Chorale Prelude on "Cradle Song"	
Prelude on "Stille Nacht"	arr. Gordon Young
Greeting	<i>Pastor Michelle</i>
<b>*Carol #246</b>	<b>Joy to the World</b>

We are Called to Worship - Lighting the Advent Wreath

*Sarah Maroney, Lori Farist and family*

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

*O.T. p.550*

Special Music

*Joyful Noise*

Wasn't That a Mighty Day

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

**\*Carol #238 (red)**

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

Offering

Gloria ~ Francis Callahan

*Festivo Ringers*

Good King Wenceslas ~ Thompson

Response: All things come from you, O God.

**All: And of your own have we given you.**

**\*Song of Dedication #221 v4. In the Bleak Midwinter**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Carol #230 (red)**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

We Pray Together

*The people respond to the prayer petitions with: "Thank You God!"*

*Let your volume and energy reflect your gratitude!*

The Lord's Prayer

The Christmas Story and Message Luke 2:1-20 *Pastor Michelle*  
*An Instant Christmas Pageant*

**Carol #239 (red)**

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

*Please remain seated as we sing, and remember to keep lit candles upright as you receive the light of Christ.*

\*Benediction

\*Music to Send Us into Christmas

Go Tell It On The Mountain  
arr. Sean Stafford & Chad Loudon

**Christmas Eve 2017**  
**4:30 Service**

Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost
Liturgist.....	Jim Scott
Education Director .....	Kelly Crane
Children's Choir Director .....	Suzette Marino
Bell Choir Director.....	Denise Johnson
Pianist.....	Sean Stafford
Organist.....	Roger Richards
Advent Candle Lighting:.....	Sarah Maroney, Lori Farist & families

***New Year's Eve Service***

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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