

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

\* indicates to stand as you are able;  
if sitting is better for you, feel free to do so!

Prelude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence arr. Mark Hayes

Introit Lord Jesus, Think On Me *Chancel Choir*

Greeting *Pastor Michelle*  
Announcements *Carl Northrup*

*There are pads in the seats to help us connect with you—please take some time during the service to fill it out and pass it along. Feel free to check in on Facebook as well.*

We Are Called to Worship by Lighting the Advent Candles  
*Introduction to the Advent Wreath*

One: As we light one candle, come to worship the One

**All: God who comes to us.**

One: Bring your hearts to the one who loves you. Open your eyes to the brightness of his coming.

**All: Light one candle. May this season begin with a hope that starts to burn, a desire within every heart yearning for Christ's coming.**

*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.**

**\*Song # 196 (red) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

*\*We Exchange Signs of Peace and Blessing  
Please greet your neighbors, especially those you don't yet know*

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)  
Receiving New Member (8:30)

A Time for the Child in All of Us (11 am)

Special Music (11am) Breath of Heaven Grant/Barrett  
*Chancel Choir with Jill Weston, soloist*

Scripture Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 *Amber Gaylord*

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God's Purposes  
The Promise of Advent ~ Price/Besig *Chancel Choir*  
Response: All things come from you, O God.

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

**\*Song of Dedication #94 Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Song # 730 (red) O Day of God, Draw Nigh**

We Hear Joys and Concerns and Pray for Each Other  
*Following the pastor's prayer, we will speak the names of others not already named who need special prayers today. This ends with the words: "Lord, in Your Love," the people respond: "Hear our prayers."*  
The Lord's Prayer #895 (red)

Scripture Mark 13:7-8,12-37 *Bonnie Cole*  
The Sermon *Pastor Michelle*

Celebrating Holy Communion #2257 b,c,d

**\*Song # 211 (red v.1-4) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

\*Blessing

Postlude Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending  
arr. Terry Osman

*Music can be a wonderful preparation for the week ahead;  
why not spend some time in prayer before departing...*

### Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God by Tom and Phyllis Cousins

#### Our Mission Statement

*Central UMC is a fully inclusive church that seeks, embraces, educates, worships, and serves, all in God's love.*

## This Week

Sunday, December 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 3  
9:00 Café Central – dining room  
9:30 Sunday School  
11:00 WORSHIP  
2:30 UMW Christmas Tea



Monday, December 4

5-9 Bell Ringing at Walmart  
5:30 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
6:30 Praise Band  
7:30 Book Study at Jonathan's



Tuesday, December 5

10-12 Clothing Center  
7:00 Program Councils

Wednesday, December 6

8-4 Sanctuary is open for prayer  
11-1 Clothing Center  
1:30 UMW Leadership

Thursday, December 7

5:00 Shepherd Supper  
5:30-7 Clothing Center  
6:30 Cappella Ringers  
7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, December 8

7:30 A.A.

Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Ch. 4)  
8:30 WORSHIP – Usher Team 4  
9:00 Café Central – dining room  
9:00 Mini-Bazaar – dining room  
9:30 Sunday School  
11:00 WORSHIP  
1-3 Caroling  
7:00 Blue Christmas Service



## Announcements

**Monday Book Study with Pastor Michelle** at Jonathans Restaurant is reading the book, *God is in the Manger* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All are welcome to come.

**Advent Readers & Lighters** are needed for Sundays in Advent and Christmas Eve to light the Advent Wreath. Please sign-up in front of the office.

**Advent Calendars** are available in the Welcome Center.

Ladies, reminder this afternoon is the **UMW Christmas Tea** beginning at 2:30 in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy time with friends, special musical entertainment and delicious desserts. If you have not made a reservation, join us anyway. We have a seat for you.

**Undie Sunday** Bring new underwear and socks on Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> for the Clothing Center. All sizes needed.

**UMW Mini Bazaar** will be Sunday, December 10 in Fellowship Hall. If you knit, sew, craft or bake we need your help! For more information, call Sharon Carmine 239-4454.

**Carolers Needed** on Sunday, 12/10 at 1pm. Meet at noon for a chili & corn bread lunch then go caroling.

**Blue Christmas Service** will be Sunday, Dec 10 at 7pm. Come and allow the Holy Spirit to lift you up this season.

**Advent Night** Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm. We will enjoy a soup buffet then wrap presents for the Clothing Center Christmas party and write Christmas cards to our homebound.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed!** Once again CUMC will be supporting the Kettle fund raising during Advent. Ringers are needed for 1 or 2 hour shifts each Monday from 5-9 PM and Sat Dec 16 from 9 AM to 3PM. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center.

**Rainbow Bucket Collection** - today after both services. Help us fulfill the congregation's promise to support the Reconciling Ministries Network each year with a donation of \$250 for 2017. The congregation agreed to this when we chose to become a "Reconciling Congregation."

## In Our Prayers

**Prayer Program:** *Specific Families receiving prayer this week:*  
Doug & Pat Breneman, Phyllis Crump, Thomas Fiori,  
Dave & Deb Henderson, Debbie Kish,  
Laura & Michael Retzlaff, Lisa & Roger Richards,  
Patricia Striley, Gregg & Carla Wood

### **Church Family and Friends:**

Roger McVannan, Chuck Harvey, Ron Panigrosso,  
Cleo LeBaron, Jerry Tewksbury, our homebound members

To add prayer concerns (with person's permission),  
contact Andy Tewksbury (785-5861) or the office (754-6060)

## Central United Methodist Church

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Organist..... Sean Stafford  
Custodian..... Gregg Wood  
Communion Stewards 8:30..... Pat Breneman, Sandra Felton  
11:00..... Art Felton  
Greeters..... Carla & Gregg Wood / Kelly & Chuck Whitney  
Café Lite .....Gail & Jim Scott, Shelley Lobevero, George Harrington  
Van ..... Dave Henderson

Previous Services are available on Youtube or Central's website

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*December 3, 2017*



## **Welcome!**

We welcome guests and visitors today, and we pray that the service will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and our ministries, there are Welcome folders available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

**Café Central** is our fellowship time with refreshments between the services—all are welcome downstairs in the Dining Room,

**Assisted Hearing Devices**, which operate throughout the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals & bibles** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Please speak to an usher.

**Child Care** during worship is provided in the Nursery (Room 114) for infants and children up to age four. An usher will be happy to accompany you.

**Children's Activity Packets** are available at the rear of the sanctuary for children's use during the service.

**Central Church is sensitive to those with allergies.** Snacks in Café Central are nut-free. Central's communion elements are grape juice and gluten free bread.