

## 8.30am – Early Church

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### Preparing for Worship with Music

Welcome

Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Opening Prayer

**UMH #196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent

Sung Response: *Star-Child v.2* (TFWS#2095)

**Children of God Time** “Rain Before Rainbows” written by Smriti Prasad-Halls illustrated by David Litchfield

**Scripture** Luke 2:8-20

**Reflection on Scripture**

**UMH #236** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

Introduction to Time of Prayer

Prayer of the People - Guided Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Introduction to the Offering

Congregation Response UMH#94 “Praise God...”

Prayer of Dedication

**UMH #249** *There's a Song in the Air*

Blessing

Departing with Music

## 11.00am – Onsite and Online

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*A Nativity Suite by Wilbur Held*

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**Special Music** *From Heaven Above, O, Angel Come!*  
*arr. by Jaron K. Johnson*

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*The Salutation Carol arr by Robert Powell*

*Worship Leaders: Pastor Teresa and Tom Hall  
Scripture Reader: Lisa Richards  
Music: Roger Richards and Chancel Choir  
Guest Accompanist: Lynn Garis  
Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today*

## Connect and Serve this Week

*Opportunities to Grow in Faith and Serve God*

### Sunday, December 8

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
8:30 WORSHIP (In person only)  
9:30 Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)  
11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)  
2:00 Musical Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

### Monday, December 9

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
5:45 Girl Scout Troop 30224 (Youth Lounge)

### Tuesday, December 10

10:00 Parish Visitors  
noon Clothing Center  
5:30 Ministry Night

### Wednesday, December 11

10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)  
noon Clothing Center  
6:00 Lions Club (Library)  
7:30 AA

### Thursday, December 12

4:30 Shepherd's Supper (Take-Out)  
6:30 Cappella Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)  
7:30 Chancel Choir

### Friday, December 13

5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60195 (Dining Room)  
6:00 Men's Group Dinner  
7:00 Men's Group Meeting  
7:30 AA

### Saturday, December 14

10:00 Breakfast with Santa

### Sunday, December 15

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)  
8:30 WORSHIP (In person only)  
9:30 Adult Faith Formation (Lounge)  
11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

## Looking Ahead –

### Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

If you don't receive the weekly email, the office has ZOOM info.

**Altar Poinsettias:** We have the opportunity to dedicate altar poinsettias to the honor or memory of loved ones. Orders must be placed by next Sunday, 12/15.

Everyone is invited to attend a **Musical Christmas Program** hosted by the UWF today at 2:00 pm. Our vocalist is Rachel Helgeson. Refreshments will follow in the Lounge.

**Men's Group Fellowship:** Friday 12/13 dinner is at 6pm and the meeting follows in person/on zoom at 7pm.

**Breakfast with Santa** (and pastor elves) in the Fellowship Hall on 12/14 at 10:am. Please RSVP to the church office.

**Grief Support Group** will meet on Thursday, 12/19 at 1:30 pm in the Library.

**Central's Blue Christmas service** (12/22 at 7pm) offers a time of quiet worship and reflection – time to acknowledge these hurts, to seek God's healing presence, and to rediscover the hope that is Christmas. Jeff Heald will be preaching, and there will be special music featuring soloist Emily (Sorber) Travis.

**Christmas Eve Service** of worship at 7:30pm both in the sanctuary and online filled with music, the holy Christmas story, Holy Communion, and the singing of Silent Night with the lighting of the candles. A **special offering of hats and mittens** will be given at the Christmas Eve service. During the service, we will have a moment to bring our offerings and lay them in the manger.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are located on the stage in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office or Pat Breneman.

**Central's Clothing Center is collecting winter coats of all sizes.**

**Come and Sing! Come and Ring-**Join in and make some music! No experience necessary!

If you wish to donate to international relief, consider UMCOR. Because of connectional giving, 100% of monies donated in a crisis go to relief and rebuilding efforts. Give online at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) or by check to Central with UMCOR in the memo

## In Our Prayers This Week

### In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

Karen Frega, Norma Livingston, Randy Foote, Kevin Cristelli

### Prayer Program: Specific Central families in our prayers:

If you know someone on this list who is absent today, why not get in touch this week and let them know we miss them!

Pat & Doug Breneman, Linda & Ken Crump, Melissa & Joe Fiori, Connie Hasto, Paula Kellogg, George Midwinter, Donald Reisinger, Patricia Striley, Ellie & Scott Wood

### Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

Richard Frederick, Frank Stevan Childs, John Carmine, Moi Zaylaya, Eric Hausamann, Stephen John Schulz, Rhonda Hartley, Jovelle Horry-Turmon and baby daughter, Emma Gates, Sandy Watts, Diane (Shelley Lobevero's cousin), Norma Poyneer, Cyndi Tedeschi

Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the family of Jim Scott on the passing of Gail Scott who died on 12/3/2024.

Prayers for the family of Paul and Kim Wells. Their grandson, Jesse, was killed in an ATV accident on November 25. Paul is Pastor Teresa's husband's uncle.

To add prayer concerns (with that person's permission), contact Andy Tewksbury (607.785.5861) or the office (607.754.6060)

## Central United Methodist Church

### A Reconciling Congregation since 2016

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Previous Services are available on Central's YouTube channel @CentralChurchEndicottNY

# Central

United Methodist Church

185+ years of Serving God, Serving others, and Loving All



## Welcome to Worship!

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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

We welcome all persons to this time of worship, and we pray that this time will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and its ministries, Welcome folders are available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

**Assistive Hearing Devices** which operate through the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals and bibles** are available by the Tech Booth in the sanctuary.

Our celebration of **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of each month is observed with gluten-free bread and grape juice.