

**8.30am – Early Church
& 11.00am – Onsite and Online**

Preparing for Worship with Music

*Lo, How a Rose Is Growing and Still, Still, Still
He When Shepherd Men Came Praising
all arranged by Paul Manz (11am)*

Welcome

Announcements

Gathering Reflection

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn UMH#251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Special Music (11am)

The holly and the ivy arranged by Bernard Dewagtere

Children of God Time *The Message of the Birds*
written by Kate Westerlund, illustrated by Feridun Oral

First Reflection

Scripture Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reading “Fly” by Ann Weems

Hymn UMH#224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Second Reflection

Scripture Psalm 148

Reading “Angels Still Appear” by Ann Weems

Hymn UMH#237 *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Third Reflection

Scripture Galatians 4:4-7

Reading “This is the Meeting Place”

from the Iona Community

Hymn UMH#230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Introduction to Time of Prayer

Special Music (11am)

O Come All Ye Faithful

arranged by Bernard Dewagtere

Prayer of the People - Guided Meditation

The Lord’s Prayer

Fourth Reflection

Scripture Luke 2:25-35

Reading Simeon’s Song by Rev. Thom M. Shuman

Hymn UMH#219 *What Child is This?*

Introduction to the Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

TFWS#2094 *Carol of the Epiphany*

Closing Word “January’s Song” by Ann Weems

Departing with Music

On This Day Earth Shall Ring arr. Robert Powel

Worship Leaders: Pastor Teresa and Diana Gildea

Scripture Reader: Paul Reed

Music: Roger Richards

Guest Musicians: Chad Loudon & Raeleen Bichler

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 29

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)

Monday, December 30

Office Closed

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

5:45 Girl Scout Troop 30224 (Youth Lounge)

Tuesday, December 31

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1 - New Year’s Day

Office Closed

10:00 Soul Care (zoom)

1:00 UWF Leadership Meeting (Library)

7:30 AA

Thursday, January 2

4:30 Shepherd’s Supper (Take-Out)

Friday, January 3

5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60195 (Dining Room)

7:30 AA

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

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)

12:00 Shared lunch and Christmas un-decorating

*If you have a pastoral emergency during the Christmas break
please call Pastor Teresa at 607.434.9888.*

Looking Ahead –

Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

If you don't receive the weekly "Sentry", please contact the office.

We will be **un-decorating the Sanctuary and building** on Sunday, January 5th following the 11am worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to stay for a little while and lend a hand—many hands make quick work!

Proverbs Challenge- Proverbs has 31 chapters; there are 31 days in January. Pastor Paul's challenge- read a chapter of Proverbs each day in January. Let him know if you are doing this challenge- I'm sure there will be awards!

Van Drivers: It is time to start setting up the 2025 driver schedule to offer van ministry service on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please contact Jere Hotchkiss at 607.768.2468 or jerehotchkiss@stny.rr.com if you are willing to volunteer as a driver in 2025.

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 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:

Thank you to Shelley Lobevero, Suzette Marino, Pam Russell, Renee Sersen and Carla Wood for contacting people each week. The program will resume in 2025.

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, Sandy Watts, Diane (Shelley Lobevero's cousin), Norma Poyneer, Cyndi Tedeschi, Shelia Holleran

Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the family of Bob Oney on the passing of Regina "Jean" Oney who died on December 23, 2024.

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

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

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



Welcome to Worship!

December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

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.