



## Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,  
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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# The Worship of God

December 10, 2017

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements Nick Richart

Lighting of the Candles Gavin Richardson

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Smith  
Marilyn Jack, piano and Libby Alexander, organ

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Song of Response #211 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
(refrain only)

Children's Time Nick Richart

Prayers of the People Janet Edwards

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever.**

Songs of the Season from *Crossfire*

Sermon "A Light in the Darkness" Rev. Mark Barden  
Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem *Be a Candle of Hope* Mayo  
Crossfire

Be a candle of hope, be a candle of light,  
a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.  
Share the light with a friend, and watch the flames grow.  
The more light we give, the more love we'll know.  
When you light another candle, you keep your light, but give it away.  
Yet the flame grows even brighter as the darkness turns into day.



We hope that you and your family will spend



# Christmas *at Central*

*December 14<sup>th</sup>, noon - Kid's Place Christmas Program*

*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm - Uptown Shelby Holiday Celebration - Sing Christmas carols on the square and discover the Chrismon tree in the Sanctuary.*

*December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - Third Sunday of Advent: Christmas Cantata*

*December 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm - Service of Light and Darkness in the Fellowship Hall*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - Fourth Sunday of Advent Service*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm - Christmas Eve Family Service*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>, 10 am - Lessons and Carols will be shared as we celebrate Christmas!*

## **Poinsettias and Christmas Wreaths**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia or wreath in honor or in memory of someone you love, order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out the order form and with your check or money folded inside, place in the offering plate. Or you may drop it by the church office or mail it to 200 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150. A special bulletin insert will list all memorial and honoraria on Sunday, December 17. **Last day for orders is Tuesday, December 12.** Poinsettias are \$15 each and wreaths are \$22 each.

### **To Our Guests:**

Thank you for sharing in worship today. We are honored that you have chosen to spend a portion of your day with us and we want to help you have a meaningful experience. Here are a few things that you may find helpful.

-**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

-**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

-**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them.

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.