



## 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

Christmas Eve 2017

11:00pm

Prelude	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	arr. Ijames
	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	arr. Smith
	<i>Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine</i>	arr. Smith
	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i>	arr. Smith
	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock</i>	arr. Leatherman
	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	arr. Raney
	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	arr. Smith
	Marilyn Jack, piano	
	Libby Alexander, piano and organ	

Lighting the Altar Candles

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

**Let us go to find the Savior!**

Let us go with the wise ones:

**Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Let us go with the poor and humble:

**Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

**Christ the Lord!**

\*Congregational Carol #234

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

st. 1,2, & 5

Lighting the Christ Candle

Will, Tina & Anna Rucker

Song of Response #234

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (st. 6)

Offertory

*He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child*

arr. Wood

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mark Barden

Sermon "In the Stillness of the Night" Rev. Mark Barden  
Luke 2:1-20

\*Congregational Carol #230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Great Thanksgiving (no responses)

Holy Communion

Lighting of the Candles

\*Candle Lighting Carol #239 *Silent Night*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Handel/Bish  
*Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"*  
*Joy to the World* arr. Lau  
Libby Alexander, organ

\*Please stand as you are able.

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

Our Christmas Eve offering goes to serve low-income children and their families in Cleveland County and the developing world. Central UMC supports ministries with a proven success record, improving the lives of those we are serving and transforming the world. We hope you will give generously and may we all grow in our faith as we serve in the church and the world.

We hope that you and your family will spend

The logo features the word "Christmas" in a green, serif font, with "at Central" in a red, cursive font below it. The text is flanked by two holly leaves with red berries on either side.

**Christmas**  
*at Central*

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

*January 7<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:45 am – Worship Workshop celebrating Epiphany!*

*January 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – Epiphany – Baptism of the Lord Service*

*January 10<sup>th</sup>, noon -- Kid's Place Epiphany Service in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.*

**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.