



## 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 16, 2018

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Nick Richart

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

LeeAnne McDowell

\*Call to Worship

God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

**We will sing a song of Advent  
to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**We will sing a song of Advent,  
to the One who hears our words and silence.**

God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

**We will sing a song of Advent  
to the One who graces us with a peace  
we cannot begin to understand.**

\*Processional Hymn

*Joy to the World*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Sprinkle Family

Congregational Response *Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come  
to thee, O Israel #211*

Children's Time

Savanna Craig

Prayers of the People

Leigh Mabry

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.**

Message "JOY to the World" Rev. Fawn Mikel  
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Offertory *Christmas Hallelujah*

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. Fawn Mikel

\*Closing Hymn *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

\*Benediction Savanna Craig

\*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

\*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.

**Reminder:** If you use an envelope for your offering please include your name on the outside of the envelope before placing in the offering plate.

**Deadline for Poinsettia/Wreath orders is today.** Please see an usher for an order form. Next week's bulletin will include the honoraria and memorial insert.

**Central's Annual Christmas Lunch** will be Christmas Day at 11:30 am in the PAC. We need your help! Sign up is available online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084ea9ad2fa4f85-christmas>

# *The Christmas Season at Central*

## *Special Events*

*December 16th, 5:30 –7:30pm – One Starry Night at Aldersgate UMC*

*December 23rd, 11 am—Christmas Worship Workshop & Lunch*

*January 9th, noon -- Kid's Place Epiphany Service*

## *Sunday Services*

*December 23rd, 10am - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Central Ringers Perform*

*December 24th, 5pm – Christmas Eve Family Service*

*December 24th, 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*December 30th, 10 am – Lessons and Carols will be shared as we celebrate Christmas!*

*January 6th, 10 am – Epiphany Service*

### **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.

### Sermon Notes

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