



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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Rev. Fawn Mikel, Director of Discipleship and Outreach
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The Worship of God

December 23, 2018

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Fawn Mikel

Prelude

Gloria Hodie
Central Ringers

arr. McChesney

Lighting of the Candles

Zoe Rempson

*Call to Worship

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

**We gather to make ready our hearts for the coming of
Christ, our hope.**

*Processional Hymn #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Janet Edwards and

Riley and Trenton Blow

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

Children's Time

Lori Wilson

Prayers of the People

Sandy Allen

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 "Good News Messengers" Rev. Mark Barden
Luke 1:26-38

Response to the Word *Mary's Song* Red

Offertory *What Child Is This* arr. Hall
Central Ringers

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

*Closing Hymn #240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Benediction Rev. Fawn Mikel

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *We Three Kings* arr. Prins
Central Ringers

*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.

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

The Christmas Season at Central

Special Events

December 23rd, 11 am—*Christmas Worship Workshop and Lunch*
January 9th, noon -- *Kid's Place Epiphany Service*

Sunday Services

December 24th, 5pm – *Christmas Eve Child Friendly Service*
December 24th, 11pm – *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Communion)*
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

Poinsettias



In memory of:

Julian Hamrick
Maxine Forrest
Rufus Stutts
Trilby Lee Evans
Doc Luce
William Paschal Mabry
Franklin & Susie Mabry
Louis Joseph Snyder, Jr.
Ralph and Evelyn Ousley
Rosa Linda Talbert

Tripp Mabry
Julia and Steve Doiley
Martha Porter Yelton
Bea Porter Justis
Mary Jane Darr
Savanna Brady

Barbara and Jack Morgan

Joseph M. Reeves

In honor of:

Marilyn Jack
Will & Tina Rucker
Danny Buckner and Marilyn Jack
Gayle and Jim Niskala
Sara Mac Wood
Sara Ellen Hamrick
Beth Norman

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eller

Given by:

Brownie and Bubba Plaster
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Carter, Hunter, & Miller Plaster
Will and Joanie Mabry
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Susan Hull Snyder
Ben and Emily Ousley
Daniel, Jessica, Micah & Mark
Talbert
Susan, Jennifer, Jill and Hanson
Jay and Sam Morgan
Bob and Porter Yelton
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The Benfield Family
Grady, Hill, Emily, Jay & Sam
Morgan
Grady, Hill, Emily, Jay, & Sam
Morgan
Betty, Stack, Chloe & Carter &
Shawn, Betsy, Eavan, Stack &
Connor

Given by:

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Carter, Miller, & Hunter Plaster
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Grady, Hill, & Emily Morgan
Carole and Jack Arey
Will and Joanie Mabry
Daniel, Jessica, Micah & Mark
Talbert
Janet Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards
Dick and Barbara Schafer
My many long time friends at CUMC

Janet Edwards
The Wesley Sunday School Class
Susan Hull Snyder

Wreaths



Bill and Mary Beattie

In honor of:

The Chancel Choir
Dick & Barbara Schafer
Marilyn Henshaw, our rock
Judy Beachley
Cam, Nikki, Christian, Isabella
Beachley
Celebrating the Brad Richardson
Family

Given by:

Brownie and Bubba Plaster
The Wesley Sunday School Class
Nancy Clark & Barbara Schafer
Sandy Allen
Sandy Allen

Ben and Emily Ousley

In memory of:

Carolyn Rucker
Mary Evelyn & Lon B. Rogers
Helen & Harold Plaster
Anne and Jason Therrell
Alice and Ellis Haney
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Lawing, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rempson
Preston Thomas Oliver
Mildred Cline Vaughn and
Sara & J.L. Suttle

Given by:

Phil Rucker and Family
Brownie and Bubba Plaster
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Sandy Allen
Sandy Allen
Cathy and Tommy Rempson
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Carole and Jack Arey

*Thank you to the Seasonal Service Team for the beautifully decorated
Chrismon Tree and window arrangements.*

***The Chancel Wreath** is given by the Rogers family in memory of Mr. &
Mrs. Robert H. Rogers, Sr.*

*The Advent Wreath honors the joyous celebration of the birthday of Jesus
Christ and is in loving memory of the parents of Marilyn & Bill Jack – Mae &
Fred Blair; Evelyn & Earl Jack.*