



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.

Rev. Mark L. Barden, Pastor

Rev. Fawn Mikel, Director of Discipleship and Outreach

Danny Buckner, Director of Music Ministries

Nick Richart, Director of Youth Ministries

Savanna Craig, Children's Ministry Coordinator

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The Worship of God

Christmas Eve 2018

5:00pm

Lighting the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Nick Richart

*Congregational Carols *O Come, All Ye Faithful
Away in a Manger*

Offering *The First Noel* Praise Ensemble

*Doxology #95 (to the tune of "What Child Is This")

**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.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe the Son of Mary.**

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Fawn Mikel

Sermon The Story of Christmas Savanna Craig

Lighting the Christ Candle Rev. Mark Barden

*Closing Song *Silent Night*

Sending Forth *Happy Birthday, Jesus* Rev. Fawn Mikel

*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.

Please have a piece of birthday cake before leaving!
Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

We invite you to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for a slice of Birthday Cake and a Kid-Friendly Christmas Worship Workshop immediately following service. The workshop will last for about 30 minutes.



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

January 6th, 10 am – Epiphany – Baptism of the Lord Service

January 9th, noon -- Kid's Place Epiphany Service in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

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>

Church Office Closed December 25th and 26th. Regular hours will resume December 27th.

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.