



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 30, 2018

10:00 am

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mark Braden

Lighting of the Candles

Avalina Richardson

Prelude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Varner

Libby Alexander, organ

*Call to Worship

*Hymn #220

Angels From the Realms of Glory (st. 1,2,4)

*Prayer

Children's Time

David Mitchell

Prayers of the People

Beverly Putnam

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.**

Jesus is born.

A CHILD IS BORN

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #217

Away in a Manger (st. 1,2)

Angels Announce Good News

ANGELS ANNOUNCE GLAD TIDINGS Luke 2:8-16

Hymn #238

Angels We Have Heard on High (st. 1,3,4)

The Magi Find Jesus

A STAR GUIDES THE WAY

Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn # 245

The First Noel (st. 3-5)

The Mystery of Incarnation

THE WORD MADE FLESH John 1:1-14
Hymn #230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem (st. 3,4)*

A Christmas Litany of Intercession
Each time as the reader says "O Lord Jesus",
The congregation responds with "**Be with us.**"

Carol #228 *He Is Born*

Offertory *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Kim
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

Hymn #246 *Joy to the World*

*Dismissal with Blessing
It has been done! The News has been shared!
**A young maiden will bear a child,
And she will call him Jesus.**
But that is the beginning of the story,
A story that has not yet ended.
**A story that includes us,
A story of which we are a part.**
So we go out to live the story.
**To tell of the Hope that is being born
among us this Christmas,
to share the Love of the season with the world,
to be agents of Peace in times of trouble,
to sing songs of deep and abiding Joy.**
As you go, may God go with you,
Challenging us to respond to God's Call in ways that are new,
Unexpected and a little unsettling.
And as Tiny Tim said so very well...
God Bless Us Every One!
Amen.

*Postlude *Joy to the World* arr. Forrest
Libby Alexander, organ and Danny Buckner, timpani

*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.

Correction to last week's Poinsettia Bulletin Insert:

In Memory of Trilby Lee Evans by Joe and Margaret Ellis

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, January 1st. Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd. Have a Happy New Year!

*We hope you'll join us for the remaining
Christmas events as listed below:*

January 6th, 10 am – Epiphany Service

*January 9th, 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.

Training for 2019 Local Church Leadership

Opportunities for laity and church leaders to grow and sharpen their skills in ministry and discipleship.

Catawba Valley District Leadership Conference

Sunday, January 6, 2019

2:30 - 5:00 pm

St. Luke's UMC (Hickory)

Meet at Central UMC at 1:15 for a ride to the conference.

Registration Link:

<https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/2019DistrictLeadershipConference>