



# 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 9, 2018

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mark Barden

Prelude

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Crossfire

arr. Miller

Lighting of the Candles

Olivia Hamrick

\*Call to Worship

We come to prepare the way;

**The way for Christ –**

the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ –

**to enter our world, to enter our hearts.**

We cry out together in the wilderness:

**The kingdom of heaven has come near.**

We come to be part of the light–

**the light that shines in the darkness.**

People look East for the time is near.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Processional Hymn

*People, Look East* #202 (stanzas 1 & 4)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230 (stanzas 1 & 3)

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

Lynn Carter

Prayers of the People

Mitch Hensley

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.**

Anthem *Joy to the World* arr. Forrest  
Crossfire

Message "Lessons from Bethlehem" Rev. Mark Barden  
Micah 5:1-2, Matthew 2:5-6

Offertory *Silent Night* arr. Schram  
Crossfire

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 #206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

\*Benediction Savanna Craig

\*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. Johnson  
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.

**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.

**Sponsor a Musician** and **Poinsettia/Wreath** forms are available in the vestibules and from the ushers.

**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>

If you are willing to help a child have a Christmas please see Pastor Fawn, Lori Wilson or Suzanne Hensley for more information.

# *The Christmas Season at Central*

## *Special Events*

*December 9th, 5 pm—Biblical Story of Christmas, Christmas Children's Program with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall*

*December 14th, 7-9 pm—Handel's Messiah performance in the Sanctuary*

*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 16th, 10 am – Third Sunday of Advent, Handel's Messiah at Aldersgate UMC*

*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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## Sponsor a Musician



Each year around Christmas time, we are blessed to have various musicians join us for our special Christmas program offerings. This year we will be joining forces with Aldersgate Methodist to offer Handel's Messiah. There will be two offerings of this program: a community concert on Friday December 14 at 7pm here at Central and again at Aldersgate on Sunday December 16 at 10am. If you would like to help fund these musicians, we invite you to "Sponsor a Musician" by writing a check made payable to Central Methodist Church and include "Sponsor a Musician" on the memo line. **Please fill out the bottom portion and include it with your check in the offering plate.** Acknowledgements will be made in our program bulletin for the Friday evening community concert.

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### Sponsor a Musician

Please tear off this portion, fold around your donation and place in the offering plate. More information is on the back of this insert.

**Deadline is December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check** \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

**In Memory/Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle Memory or Honor



Purchase **Poinsettia(s)** (\$15 each)  
or  
**Wreath(s)** (\$20 each)  
in memory or in honor of someone you love.

Please make **checks payable** to **Central UMC**, **tear off** the bottom portion of this insert, **fold** it around your **check** and **place in the offering plate**.

Memorials and honoraria will be published in a special bulletin on December 23rd. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve 11 pm service but you are welcome to leave them until Epiphany. **Deadline to place orders for poinsettias and wreaths is December 16<sup>th</sup>!**

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Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ or Wreath \_\_\_\_\_

Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_ or Wreath \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_