



## 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

January 6, 2019

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Nick Richart

Prelude

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*  
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Hamlin

Call to Worship

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Crossfire

\*Canticle of Praise

Blessed are you, O Christ, our God;

**you were before time began,  
and came to the world to save us.**

Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;

**you shine with the Father's love  
and illumine the whole universe.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary;

**born a child**

**you shared our humanity.**

Blessed are you, son of David;

**born to rule,**

**you received gifts from the wise men.**

Blessed are you, Son of Man;

**baptised by John,**

**you saved us from ourselves.**

Blessed are you, heavenly King;

**teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,  
you proclaimed the kingdom.**

With all the voices of heaven

we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

**Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

With all the creatures on earth

we sing and dance at your birth.

**Praise and glory to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

Butterfly Choir

*Away in a Manger*

Sonshine Choir

*Hush, My Dear in the Manger*  
*O Come Little Children*

Children's Time

Lynn Carter

Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

Beverly Putnam

**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.**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-9

Hymn #254 *We Three Kings (st. 1-4)*

Scripture: Matthew 2:10-11

Hymn #254 *We Three Kings (st. 5)*

Sermon "What Gift Can I Bring?" Rev. Mark Barden

Hymn #221 *In the Bleak Midwinter (verse 3)*

Offering *Joy to the World*  
Crossfire

\*Christmas Doxology (Greensleeves)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all  
creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly  
hosts; 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

\*Closing Hymn *Sing We Now of Christmas (st. 1,4,5)*

\*Benediction Savanna Craig

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.

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

There will be an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Joseph Seen this afternoon at 2 pm in the PAC. You are invited to join.

Gretta Lundquist and Chloe Harris will be collecting books on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, for the children's library at the women's shelter. If you would like to donate books for infants to high schoolers, please drop them off in the box outside the choir room. Gretta and Chloe are doing this as a service project for their Girl Scout troop.

**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>