



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

November 28, 2021

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements Savanna Craig

Prelude *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. DeRousse
Libby Alexander, organ

*Congregational Song *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Sprinkle-Chen Family

Congregational Song *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (stanza 1)*

Morning Prayer

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.**

Children's Message Hattie Hensley

Anthem *Come, Lord Jesus, Come to Earth* Pelz
Chancel Choir

Come, Lord Jesus, come to earth. Come as newborn, come by birth.
Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Make this place your room of rest.
Come, Lord Jesus, rule each land. Hold us in your heart and hand.
Come, Lord Jesus, hear our praise, alleluias all our days.
Come, Lord Jesus, heal the soul. Make our minds and spirits whole.
Come, Lord Jesus, come as love, love inside, between, above.
Come, Lord Jesus, be our prize. Lift us up by your surprise.
Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Give us peace and give us rest.

Sermon "First Christians" Rev. David Lee
Acts 11:19-26

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Gawthrop
Libby Alexander, organ

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 E106.

-**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.

Based on the recommendation by the CDC, Governor Cooper, and the Bishop's office, and recognizing the ongoing Coronavirus in our community, we are requiring the use of masks inside the church building.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19: Before participating in any activities at Central UMC, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning the first day you had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 within your family household or high-risk exposure outside of household: You must quarantine until the last person in your household that tested positive for COVID has completed their 10 day quarantine (beginning the first day they had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test). Following that 10 day quarantine period, wait an additional 5 days or test negative for COVID-19.

Sermon Notes

Come Home for Christmas Cards

This week we encourage you to share the enclosed postcard with a friend, neighbor, or loved one that does not currently have a Home church and invite them to join us as we Come Home for Christmas.

Prescription/Over-The-Counter Bottles

YES, we are still collecting empty prescription, vitamin, over-the-counter medicine bottles for use in 3rd world countries. You may bring them to the church office. (Please remove any labels with your name.)

Backpack Ministry

We need your help in filling our closet with food for the backpacks we deliver to James Love and Shelby Middle each week. Each month we will request a specific item that will be included in the backpacks. You may drop them off at the office **Mon.-Thur. 9AM-4 PM and Fri. 9 AM-1 PM**. These will be added to weekly bags of food sent home from school with food insecure students for weekend meals. For November, we are requesting **individual ravioli/spaghetti—any brand is fine**.

Communion Supplies Now Available

For those of you worshipping from home or via the internet we would like to offer you the ability to have your own communion supplies. Our next Communion will be offered December 5th and then again December 24th at our 11pm service. You can pick up your communion to go cups at the office Mon-Thurs 9-4 or Fri 9-1 or you can order a 6 count for \$6.99 at <https://www.concordiasupply.com/TrueVine-Prefilled-Communion-Chalice-Cups-Bread-Juice-Sets-6>. They are also available at amazon.com.

Christmas Gathering for College Aged Adults and High School Seniors

We will be having a Christmas gathering for our college students, college-aged adults, and high school seniors on Tuesday, December 21st from 4-6 PM at Pastor David and Amy's house. RSVP by Friday, December 17th, to Savanna at savannacraig91@gmail.com or Pastor David at DJLee75@yahoo.com.

Prayer Concerns

We invite you to pray during the week for the following:

- ❖ All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Sarah Beam; June Miller; Wayne Black; John Reid; Morgan Morrison; Talmadge Strickland; Jimmy Toole; Travis and Stacey Hoyle; Sarita Verma; William Pierce; Bill and Loretta Harris; Larry Brown; Lillian Rogers; Marilyn Herndon; Anne Stevens Cicci; Larry Thomas; Claudia Rose; Frankie Patterson; Bill Jack; Jessie Sumrell; Dawn Russell; Gina Blanton; Dale Almond; Emily Ousley; Rita Hamrick; Pat Ellison; Bill Ledford; Brian Goff; Judy Beachley; and Alan & Scarlette Funderburke.
- ❖ We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people.
- ❖ We pray for our world as we continue the COVID-19 battle. May we continue to persevere with wisdom and care for each other.
- ❖ For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- ❖ Those who grieve, may they find comfort. We pray especially for the family of Jean Eaker; Ellen Benfield whose mother, Jane Corriher passed away; Virginia Story on the passing of her husband, Bill; Iris Francis on the passing of her son, Steven; and Claudia Rose on the passing of her sister, Sue Willis (aunt to Jennifer Rose Cook)
- ❖ Our shut-ins and others feeling alone. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- ❖ The church universal and the United Methodist Church.
- ❖ We pray for peace in our world, nation and communities. May God heal and unify all people.
- ❖ The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. We especially pray for the CUMC youth group. May our young people continue to grow together and in relationship with God as they make a huge impact in our community.

And though unknown and unspoken, may we help carry each other's burden and praise God for each other's joys.