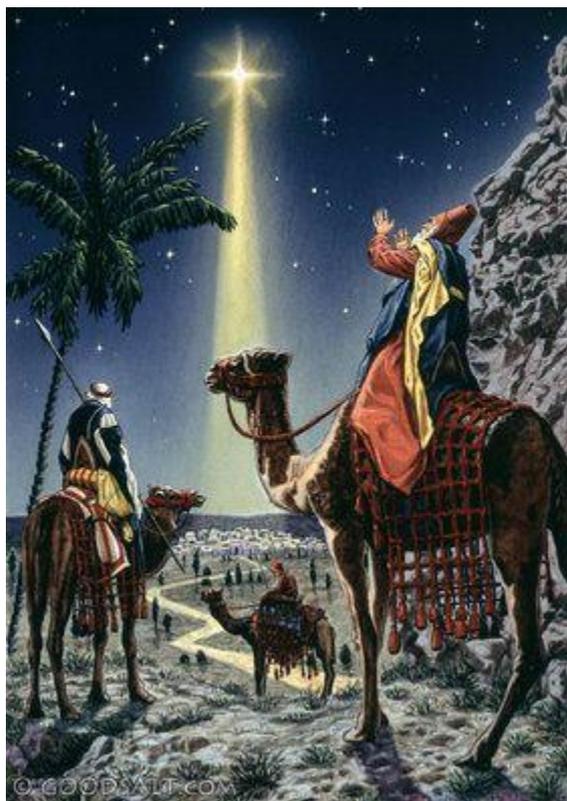


CENTRAL

United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



December 30, 2018
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
10:00 a.m.

The Mission of
Central United Church of Christ is...
to be a Christ-centered community
of faithful disciples,
who are called
to GROW IN FAITH, and
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE
as we REACH OUT
to each other,
to our community
and to our world.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
#114 (v. 1,5,6)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

The time has come and now is.

A new beginning is ours in Christ!

The time has come and now is.

A new opportunity is dawning for love, for grace and joy

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Loving God, ever renewing Your creation, draw us into newness of life, through Jesus Christ and Your Holy Spirit. Be with us now; plant Your grace and hope within us. This we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, who overcame death to bring us life anew. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN** "Good Christian Men Rejoice" #116

***PASSING THE PEACE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)**

Glory be to the Father

and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

One holy and universal Christian Church;

The Communion of Saints;

The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body,

And the Life everlasting.

Amen.

(Adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662)

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Slumber of the Infant Jesus" - Purvis

*THE DOXOLOGY (sung in unison)

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.

*DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us
to be your friends,
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore, we pray in Jesus' name
that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far. Amen.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

***CLOSING HYMN** “Away In A Manger” #109

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Rejoice” - Van Hulse

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
December 30 – January 6

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30AM
	Coffee Hour	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:15AM
WED:	Quilting	9:00AM
	Bell Choir	6:15PM
	Sr. Choir	7:00PM
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30AM
	Coffee Hour	9:00AM
	Children's Sunday School	9:30AM
	Worship	10:00AM

Attendance Last Sunday: 76

Attendance Christmas Eve: 143

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Ralph Gladden, Jr., from Gladys and family.

The pink rose on the altar announces the birth of Whitley Pryor Bruemmer, born December 21, 2018. Parents are Audrey and Brent Bruemmer; maternal grandparents are Jennifer and Gavin Marsh; maternal great-grandmother is Mary Hoelscher.

Bulletins are in memory of our loved ones from Gary and Joyce Mutert.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Jacquie Howser,

Tonya Berhorst, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Whitley Pryor Bruemmer

Pastoral Care – Rev. Stoneburner has agreed to fill-in for emergency pastoral care. If you have a need for pastoral care, please call the church office at 635-1041, and they will be in contact with Rev. Stoneburner.

Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott for leading us in worship this morning and delivering the sermon message.

90+ Birthdays:

Jane Stumpe (1/17)

1110 Major Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Bertie Spalding (1/18)

1809 Devonshire Circle, #A
Holts Summit, MO 65043

Ruth Popp (1/25)

3122 Rock Ridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109

The 2019 offering boxes (envelopes) are available for you to pick-up in the narthex. After today, please discard any 2018 or previous year's envelopes as the system reassigns different numbers each year.

2018 Annual Reports: If you are responsible for submitting information about your group's 2018 activities for the Annual Report, please do so **by January 1, 2019**. Rene Miserez will be

gathering and compiling the information for this year's report, so please **email everything to: bellsic@aol.com**. In the subject line reference "Church -- 2018 Annual Report."

Copies of the Safe Church Policy are available in the Narthex. Please pick one up if you do not have a copy. The policy will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting in January.

The time has come when the beautiful Christmas trees and other decorations need to be taken down and stored away for another year. Help will be needed to do this next Sunday, **January 6, 2019**. We'll do this right after the worship service that day. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann Wippermann

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 19, 2019 for an all-you-can-eat breakfast put on by the Brotherhood. The community will be invited as well. Menu includes eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, and juice. More information will follow – be sure to mark January 19 on your calendar.

Incoming mail for groups within Central UCC – Mail addressed to various groups, committees, etc. at Central Church will be placed on shelves in the library across from the office until we can acquire a more permanent type of mail sorter.

It's time to sign-up for monthly 2019 Salvation Army Meals. All months are open except January and May. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mission and Outreach Ministry chair, Susan Poettgen, at 573-298-4515 or susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed to prepare Communion for 2019. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month as well as the Ash Wednesday Service and Easter Services. We're needing volunteers to help prepare the elements and clean-up afterwards. Please contact Worship Ministry chair, Mary Ann Wippermann, at 636-3685 or mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

Large Print Bulletins: Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

Friendship Register: Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.

Ministers	Every Member
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director.....	Rene Miserez



Organist.....	Shirley Klein
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