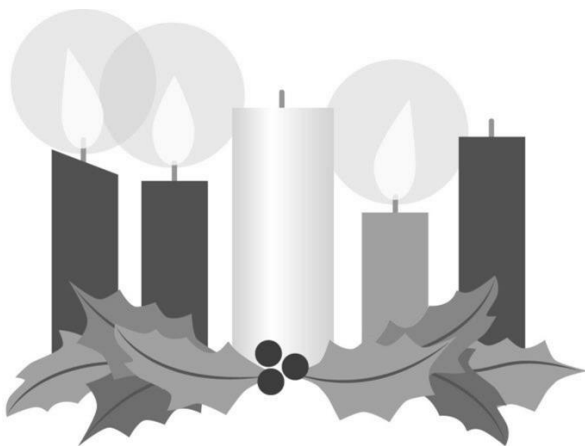


CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
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.

All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#104

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Wait for the Lord. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Wait for the Lord: He is coming to save us.

The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will hear once more.

Wait for the Lord: Christ is coming to heal.

The lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.

Wait for the Lord: The Spirit is coming to renew us.

All things will be made new.

Come! Let us worship.

CHOIR INTROIT

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

As the days darken and the winter winds blow, come to us, Promised One, in our time of waiting. Keep the vision of your salvation before our eyes, where the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, and the lowly are lifted up. Shine the light of your healing love into the darkness of our land, that all may see your glory and know that salvation is at hand. Live in and through us during this Advent season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN

"O Thou Joyful"

#117

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (3rd verse) #88

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-10

CHOIR RESPONSE

CHOIR ANTHEM *"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"* - Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him

Who freed us from our sins.

Who loved us all and shed His blood
that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below.
For Christ is coming, is coming soon.
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp now sun,
For Christ will be their all!

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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Shepherds"* – Held

*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

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

#107

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice”

– Van Hulse

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

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
December 15 – December 22

TODAY:	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
	Adult Bible Study	11:15am
	Organ Recital, Presented by Shirley Klein	2:00pm
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Prime Time Club	11:30am
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	Meals On Wheels	10:00am
	Dominoes/Fellowship	1:00pm
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Adult Choir	7:00pm
THURS:	Adult Bible Study	10:00am
SAT:	Young Youth "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party	1:00pm
NEXT SUNDAY:	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 82

Altar flowers are in honor of my father, Don Webster, from Joni Witt.

Bulletins are in honor of my friends in the church from Lavern Baker.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Jacquie Howser, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Jenny Alpers, Larry Rizner, Lee Thompson, Finn Price, August Begemann, Pat Brauner, Hank Gozia, Michelle Heymeyer, Janet Miller, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Norma Klemme, Eleanor Diersing, Allen Schmutzler, Dennis Kuebler

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90+ Birthdays this month:

(To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in December. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office.)

Adult Bible Study with Rev. Scott will be moving to Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m., **beginning this Thursday, December 19**. Rev. Scott will continue our journey through the Bible. The class is open to all!

The 2020 offering envelope boxes are available for you to pickup in the narthex. Please DO NOT begin using your envelopes until January 5, 2020 as the system renumbers the envelopes each year.

Annual Reports – If you are responsible for submitting information for the 2019 Annual Report, please turn in your report **by December 31, 2019** so that your group will be included. Reports should be emailed to office@centralucc.com. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 573-635-1041.

Young Youth (K-5th grades) meets every Wednesday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for food, fun, faith and fellowship to build relationships with God and each other. There's a 20-30 minute Bible lesson/activity and we'll feed the kids dinner.

Christmas Eve Listing Reminder – If you'd like to participate in the Christmas Eve Memorial/Honorarium Listing, you need to have your wording (form) and payment to the office **by this Tuesday, December 17**.



Christmas Organ Recital

Sunday, December 15
2:00 p.m.

Presented by Shirley Klein
Central United Church of Christ
118 W. Ashley St

Reception to follow

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORIAL/HONORARIUM LISTING
DONATION FORM**

Please complete the information below and return the form with payment to the church office **by Tuesday, December 17th**.

NAME/PHONE:

Make your selection and write in the amount:

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| \$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund | \$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Organ Fund |
| \$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Fund | \$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Choir |
| \$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning Fund | \$_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Bell Choir Fund |

TOTAL DONATION: \$_____

Please PRINT the wording you would like on the Christmas Eve listing, and specify, "In memory of" or "In honor of".



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**
December 24, 6:00 p.m.

Central's Christmas Eve Service which takes place **Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.**, will be a beautiful, candlelight service of scriptures and carols. (*Please note start time.*) Mark your calendars, spread the word, and invite family and friends. Plan to attend as together we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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
Pulpit Supply Minister.....	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director.....	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein



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