

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**"The nitrogen in our DNA,
the calcium in our teeth,
the iron in our blood,
the carbon in our apple pies
were made in the
interiors of collapsing stars.
We are made of star stuff."**

Carl Sagan

**December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am**

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks with It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Arr. by Owen Griffin
Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr., *Pastor*

*Call to Worship

Christopher Bartlett, *Reader*

Blessed are those who are restoring the world,
birthing Love in places degraded by the powerful.

Blessed are those who are reimagining the world,
dreaming of Justice that transforms from the margins.

God will take on flesh among the neglected, the overlooked, the lowly.

Sacred Potential is calling from the fringes.

God's liberating invitation beckons to all of us.

This labor of love is ours to live out with joy.

Let us worship with anticipation!

May God be born anew.

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*Hymn

Overwhelmed

Big Daddy Weave
RISE@Central Band

WORD

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

Anthem

Go Tell It!

African-American Spiritual

Words by John W. Work

Traditional Spiritual

Choral arrangement by Jack Schrader

The Chancel Choir

Nick Werth, drums

Millete Silverio, Director

*Gospel

Luke 2:8-14

*Hymnal #240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Message:

All Earth is Ready to Rejoice

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Reading and Challenge Questions (on screen)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

TABLE AND OFFERTORY

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please proceed forward to receive the bread and the cup
and place your offering in the plates at the sides of the aisle.)

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

*Hymn

***View the Present
Through the Promise***

Benediction and
Advent Homework:

Share with a friend or neighbor
one way you have experienced
joy this Advent season.

Passing the Peace

Postlude

***Angels from the Realms
of Glory***

Arr. Mark Hayes
Millete Silverio, piano
John Tiffin, keyboard
Nick Werth, drums

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

Thank you for choosing to worship at Central. Today, as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be a member of United Methodist Central to participate; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by **BERNICE HERWALD** in loving memory of her husband, **RAY**.

The **2020 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** is on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Please start thinking about what dates you would like to provide flowers for the altar in the year to come.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **CIRCLE 8**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

And there are more Christmas Cards to be signed - **CHRISTMAS CARDS** to be sent to shut-ins (and others) are available for signing in Fellowship Hall today.

ADVENT AT THE EDGE

Please join Pastor Biel in the Log Cabin on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019** at **8 am** for a time of centering and contemplation.

THANK YOU

We raised **\$2,381** at our **SANTA IN THE CABIN** event. Our total for 2018 was \$2,334. Many thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy to make Santa in the Cabin a big success.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be meeting **tonight**, at **5 pm** in the Log Cabin to go Caroling on Concord Lane. Dress warm! On **Sunday, December 22**, there will be a Christmas Pageant rehearsal in the Log Cabin. Call the office at 847-673-1311 if you would like to participate.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Ferdinand Soco, Chair of Central's Staff-Parish Committee, invites you to consider a donation for Central Church Staff CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Checks may be put in the offering plate marked "Staff Gifts." Thank you for these expressions of appreciation!

FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE

Today is the last Sunday to bring toys for needy children in our area. Thank you to all those who have contributed. See a member of the Mission Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin with any questions.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Everybody is welcome to attend the Leadership session on **Tuesday, December 17 at 7 pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will gather to discuss, in particular, the areas of Worship Design and Hospitality.

MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

The next **MEN'S DINNER and MOVIE** will be **Saturday, December 21 at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be Italian sausage, scalloped potatoes, garden salad and dessert from Portillo's. The movie will be "**Hustlers.**" RSVP to Gerhard Mels at 847-675-0720 by text or voicemail.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the Nicolasin/Rafanan family on the loss of Shalom Immanuel, who died on December 8, 2019 at the age of 23. There is a condolence card for your signature in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

There will be two services on **Christmas Eve, December 24**. The first one will be at **6 pm** (Contemporary Family Service) and the second at **10 pm** (Classic Service).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 17 - Chris Konior

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45 am - Choir Practice

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)

10:30 am - **Worship (S)**

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

5 pm - Youth Group (LC)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8 am - Advent at the Edge (LC)

7 pm - Leadership Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

9:30 am - Circle 8

4 pm - Silent Vigil

7 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 19, 2019

10 am - Prayer Shawl Mission

7 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, December 21, 2019

5 pm - Men's Night Out (LC)

Sunday, December 22, 2019

4th Sunday of Advent

8:45 am - Choir Practice

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship (S)**

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass

Brian Gut

Bob Wallander

Steve Winker

Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Elisa Arauco

Greg Arauco

Mavis Fowlin

Arlene Glazier

Harriet Tiahnybik

Cory Wallander

Nena Zamora

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Reader.....**Christopher Bartlett**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Director of Contemporary Music

and Worship.....**Victoria Biel**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom, Pam Castaneda**

& Kathy Tiffin

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Circle 8**

Ministers**Rev. Adrienne Stricker, Deacon**

The People of the Congregation

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever***