

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**"Love and love is all we have left
A baby cries on a doorstep
Love is all we have left."**

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**December 22, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

***The Father's Rose
(Of the Father's Love Begotten)
(Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming)***

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome

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

*Call to Worship

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

Through the waters of baptism, God calls us to
wade into the way of the Sacred.

**In community, we are claimed as beloved
and invited into new life.**

The waters are sometimes calm, flowing slowly
and easily.

**They remind us who we are, together,
God delights in us.**

The waters are sometimes swiftly moving.

**They lead us in the direction of love,
with urgency.**

The waters are sometimes raging.

**They beckon us to live courageously, to
choose practices of radical Love even as
evil looms.**

Through all of life's changes and challenges,
the promises of God uphold us.

We are claimed, eternally, as kin in Christ.

adapted from @enfleshed

*Hymnal #230

O Little Town of Bethlehem

WORD

Scripture

Genesis 1:26-31

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Arr. by Michael Barrett

Julianne Arvizu, Soloist

The Chancel Choir

Millete Silverio, Director

*Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

*Hymnal #234

O Come All Ye Faithful, vs. 1 and 2

Message:

Rev. Adrienne Stricker

Reading and Challenge Questions (on screen)

Holy Baptism

Therese Kalomba, Stephan Kyungu
Ines Mirindi Ilunga

TFWS #2249

God Claims You

*Hymnal #214

Savior of the Nations, Come, v. 1

Entrance into Silence

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

TABLE AND OFFERTORY

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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

Communion Music

Messiah

led by RISE@Central Band

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

*Hymn

***Angels from the Realms of
Glory/Emmanuel***

led by RISE@Central Band

Benediction and
Advent Homework:

Go out of your way to help someone
with no expectation for reciprocation.

Passing the Peace

Postlude

Fum Fum Fum

Traditional Catalonian Carol

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Millete Silverio, piano

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 **PAMELA CASTANEDA** in loving memory of her mother-in-law, **VICTORIA CASTANEDA**.

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 **MERIAM RAMIREZ** in celebration of her birthday.

HOLY BAPTISM

We rejoice today in the baptism of **THERESE KALOMBA, STEPHAN KYUNGU** and **INES MIRINDI ILUNGA**.

We also welcome as new members, **IMMACULEE NGOYI MWAMBA, MANGAZA ILUNGA NGOYI** and **KAZADI NGOYI**.

ADVENT AT THE EDGE

Please join Pastor Biel in the Log Cabin on **Tuesday, December 24, 2019** at **8 am** for a time of centering and contemplation.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be meeting **tonight**, at **6 pm** in the Log Cabin to rehearse for the Christmas Nativity Play.

FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE

A big thank you to everyone who contributed toys to the Niles Food Pantry Toy Drive. Many children will have a very happy Christmas thanks to your generosity. Thank you to Donna Campbell, Barb Smith and Kathy Tiffin for delivering the toys

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the Faber family on the loss of Jas' sister, **SANDIE BARRIE**, who lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on December 16. 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 with Nativity Play) and the second at **10 pm** (Classic Service with candlelighting).

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Thank you for your giving throughout 2019 and into the new year of 2020. Financial envelopes for 2020 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name, please contact Doris Bloom (847-673-1311).

THANK YOU

Thank you to Max Bailey, Ed Gut, Ron Konior, Elton Moody, Russ Reuter and John Tiffin for putting up the Nativity scene in front of the church.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 23 - Tom Downes
December 28 - Gerhard Mels
December 28 - Meriam Ramirez

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22, 2019

4th 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

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

Christmas Play Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 29, 2019

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

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

Fellowship after Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

6 pm - Contemporary Worship

Service with Nativity

Play

10 pm - Classic Worship Service

with Candelighting and

Communion

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.**

Deacon.....**Rev. Adrienne Stricker**

Reader.....**Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

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

Director/Contemporary Music.....**Victoria Biel**

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

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom, Pam Castaneda
& Kathy Tiffin**

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

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

Fellowship.....**Meriam Ramirez**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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