

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**6 & 10 pm**

\* = *Please stand as able*

Prelude

**Joy to the World**

*Setting by Joel Raney*

*Michele Harbeck Haley, organ*

*Millete Silverio, piano*

*The Chancel Choir*

Welcome

*Pastor David L. Haley*

\*Call to Worship (6 pm) *Donna Campbell, Leader*

(10 pm) *Claire Rogoski, Leader*

In every heart there lies a Bethlehem,

**a place filled with tender memories,**

where angelic voices are clearer,

**where the stars in the sky**

**shine brighter,**

where the humility of shepherds and

the wisdom of Magi embrace,

**where in awe and wonder,**

**the presence of God is revealed.**

Come to Bethlehem, kneel in wonder,

**worship with songs of joy.**

\*Hymn 234

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*(verses 1, 3, 6)*

Opening Prayer

**Open our hearts, O God, to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see this glorious thing you have brought to pass, the Baby lying in a manger, God's gift of peace on earth, good will to all. Amen.**

Old Testament

**Isaiah 9: 2 - 7**

*(6 pm) Donna Campbell, Reader*

*(10 pm) Claire Rogoski, Reader*

The Psalm

**Psalm 96** *(The Grail Version)*

Anthem

*(10 pm)* **Go Tell It!**

*John W. Work; arr. Jack Schrader*

*The Chancel Choir*

*Nick Werth, drums*

\*The Gospel

**Luke 2: 1 - 20** *(NKJV Version)*

\*Hymn 250

**Once in Royal David's City**

Children's Message (6 pm) Pastor Haley

Message **Home at Last**  
Pastor Haley

The Prayers (Response: **Lord, hear our prayer**)

The Offering (6 pm) **Because It's Christmas**  
Lyrics by Bruce Sussman & Jack Feldman; Music by Barry Manilow  
Ernie Silverio, soloist

(10 pm) **Silent Night**  
Franz Gruber; arr. Joel Raney  
Michele Harbeck Haley, flute  
Millete Silverio, piano

### Holy Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Carols:

- (217) **Away in a Manger**
- (218) **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**
- (219) **What Child is This?**
- (221) **In the Bleak Midwinter**
- (230) **O Little Town of Bethlehem**
- (238) **Angels We Have Heard on High**
- (240) **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!**
- (239) **Silent Night** (all verses)

*[During the singing of "Silent Night", please spread the Light from the Christ Candle throughout the congregation]*

Jesus is the Light of the World.

**A light no darkness can extinguish.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*[Candles are extinguished and all exchange signs of peace]*

\*Hymn 246 **Joy to the World**

\*Dismissal & Blessing

\*Postlude **An Angelic Celebration**  
(Hark! the Herald Angels & Angels We Have Heard on High)  
arr. Joel Raney  
Michele Harbeck Haley, organ



# *Poinsettias*

## *2017*



*Elisa and Gregorio Arauco*  
*In memory of Elisa's parents*

*Alex and Jane Atkinson*  
*In memory of our parents*

*Doris Bloom*  
*In memory of Nina and Earl Hill*

*Donna Campbell*  
*In honor of Pastor David Haley*  
*and Michele Harbeck Haley*  
*and*  
*In honor of Central Church Staff*

*Dan Carey*  
*In memory of George Carey*

*Ardis Coninx*  
*In memory of her husband, Don Coninx*

*Jayne Blades Epperson*  
*In memory of Gilbert and Margaret Blades*

*James and Jo Ann Faber*  
*In memory of Francis Faber*

*Barbara J. Gielow*  
*In memory of her husband, Terry Gielow*

*Patricia Heineman Vernon*  
*In memory of Margaret and Eugene Heineman*

*Linda Hovland*  
*In memory of her husband, Jim Hovland*

*Lisa Jacob*  
*In memory of Opal Jewell Haynie*  
*and J.B. Yancey*





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## *2017*



*Lois Martin*  
*In honor of Gail and David*  
*and Karen and Mark*  
*and*  
*Emily, Erin and Noah*

*Zosima R. Oandasan*  
*In honor of the members of Central Church*

*Jan and Wayne Rogoski*  
*In honor of our church family*

*Kathy and David Shine*  
*In memory of our parents, Dick Gould and Elsie Shine*  
*In honor of Kathy's mother, Carmen Gould*

*John and Kathy Tiffin*  
*In memory of the Schoenberger and Tiffin Families*

*Zach and Mary Wadleigh*  
*In memory of those dearly loved now*  
*sitting in the Glory of God:*  
*Paul and Ivanell Tiffin, Lucy and Elmer Appel and*  
*Avis and Ludie Wadleigh*

*The Wegener Family*  
*In memory of Lillian Wegener*

*Mae Williams*  
*In memory of her parents*  
*V.A. and Odessa Ellis, and*  
*In honor of her children*  
*and grandchildren*



# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

- **WELCOME!** If you are a guest tonight, we welcome you, and are honored that you have come to worship at Central on this special night.
- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- During the 6 pm service, all children present are invited to the front for the **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- Tonight as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you do not have to be a member of our congregation (or any congregation) to participate; all who accept Jesus' invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method is to go forward, receive the bread, and dip it into the cup.
- The **ALTAR POINSETTIAS** are given by the people of the congregation in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. (*See the enclosed list.*) The white **ALTAR CLOTH**, given by **MAE WILLIAMS**, is from Poland. The blue **ALTAR CLOTH**, given by **PASTOR DAVID & MICHELE**, was bought from a Palestinian cloth merchant in the Old City of Jerusalem.



## **NATIVITY WINDOW**

Tonight we call your attention to the Nativity Window (top of the sanctuary, over the altar), donated years ago by the **BARKOW FAMILY**. It is only illuminated tonight, and by the morning sun.