

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 24th, 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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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.