

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**6 & 10 pm**

\* = *Please stand as able*

Prelude

**Coventry Carol**

*Arr. by Mark Hayes*

*Millete Silverio, piano*

*John Tiffin, keyboard*

Welcome

*Pastor Timothy J. Biel Jr.*

\*Call to Worship (6 pm) Sarah Lagowski, Leader  
(10 pm) Barb Smith, Leader

Good News! Unspeakable joy!

**A great light has burst forth,  
overcoming the darkness!**

A child is born for us - a son has been given!

**Bringing a kingdom of endless  
peace, we shall call him**

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God!**

Come, let us see what God has brought us!

Let us see what the Lord has done!

Glory to God in the Highest!

**And on earth, peace and  
goodwill to all!**

by Bill Hoppe

\*Hymnal #234

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

(verses 1, 3, 6)

Lighting the Advent Candles

Unison Prayer

**O wondrous God of the stars, we come tonight  
with breathless wonder to see the babe who will  
change our lives. We hear the names "Wonderful  
Counselor," "Mighty God," Prince of Peace," and  
we are in awe. You have touched the earth this  
night with your unconditional love. Touch us -  
touch our hearts and minds and souls. May we  
never tire of this story. May we never take it for  
granted. Make this night magical again. Amen.**

by Joanne Carlson Brown

Scripture Reading

**Isaiah 9: 2 - 7**

(6 pm) Sarah Lagowski, Reader

(10 pm) Barb Smith, Reader

Anthem

(10 pm) **Star of Advent**

*Pepper Choplin*

*The Chancel Choir*

\*The Gospel

**Luke 2: 1 - 20**

\*Hymnal #217

**Away in a Manger**

Children's Message Pastor Timothy J. Biel Jr.  
Message Pastor Timothy J. Biel Jr.  
The Prayers (Response: **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Offering Prayer

The Offering (6 pm) **When Hope Came Down**  
by Kari Jobe and Ben Glover  
(10 pm) **O Holy Night**  
Adam - Breck  
Katy Jacob, soloist  
The Chancel Choir  
Millete Silverio, piano

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (come forward)

Hymn sing: #218 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
#202 *People, Look East*  
#245 *The First Noel*  
#250 *Once in Royal David's City*  
#238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*Hymnal #239 **Silent Night**

*(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.)*

\*Hymnal #246 **Joy to the World**

Benediction

\*Postlude **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**  
Eddie Pola & George Wyle  
Arr. by Mark Hayes  
Millete Silverio, piano  
John Tiffin, keyboard



# *Poinsettias* *2018*



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

*Donna Campbell*  
*In honor of Pastor Timothy Biel, Jr.*  
*and Victoria Biel*  
*and*  
*In honor of Central Church Staff*

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

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

*James and Jo Ann Faber*  
*In memory of Erika Jensen*

*Daisy Garcia*  
*In memory of Arsenio Garcia*

*Myles Glasgow*  
*In memory of Elizabeth Glasgow*

*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*

*The Lagowski Family*  
*In memory of Ray and Dorothy Kline*  
*and*  
*Grandma and Grandpa Day*





# *Poinsettias* *2018*



*Mary Nader*  
*In loving memory of her son-in-law, Jeremy Wiltgen*

*Zosima R. Oandasan*  
*In memory of loved ones*

*Sylvia F. Pleas*  
*In honor of her grandchildren*

*The Ryans and the Jacksons*  
*In memory of Alex and Marian Meier*  
*and Bill and Joan Ryan*  
*and*  
*The Ehmke Family*

*Mariano Santos*  
*In memory of Dr. Augusto A. Santos*

*Kathy and David Shine*  
*In memory of Richard Gould and Elsie Shine*

*Dorine Sobers*  
*In memory of Deborah Johnson*

*The Soco Family*  
*In honor of Andy and Remy Ramirez*

*John and Kathy Tiffin*  
*In Honor of Central United Methodist Church*

*Zach and Mary Wadleigh*  
*In memory of Alan Wadleigh and*  
*Central Choir and our Church Family*

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

*Mae Williams*  
*In memory of her parents*  
*V.A. and Odessa Ellis*



# 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 Poinsettia list.*) You are welcome to take your poinsettia home after the 10 pm service.



## **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.