

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 29, 2019

1st Sunday after Christmas

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Clair De Lune

Claude Debussy
John Tiffin, piano

Welcome

Cindy Barron, *Lay Leader*

*Call to Worship

Dorine Sobers, *Reader*

The people who walk in darkness. That's us!
We have seen deep darkness in the world around us.

So we have come to search for the light.

We want the light to shine on us!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

A child is born for US!

A son is given to ALL of US!

We come to see the child that has been born,
we come to gather in the glow of the stable,
we come to sign with angels and wonder with
shepherds.

Come and worship, come and worship!
Worship the one who is born for us this day.

by Rev. Gord

*Hymnal #240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WORD

Scripture

Isaiah 6:7-9

Anthem

This Holy Night

Words by Rose M. Aspinall
music by Mary McDonald
Katy Jacob, Soloist
The Chancel Choir
John Tiffin, piano

*Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Hymnal #219

What Child is This

Message:

Cindy Barron, *Lay Leader*

Entrance into Silence

Hymnal #239

Silent Night, Holy Night

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

TABLE AND OFFERTORY

The 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

Hymnal #224

Hymnal #237

verses 1-4

***Good Christian Friends Rejoice
Sing We Now of Christmas***

Prayer after Communion

SENDING FORTH

Announcements

Cindy Barron, *Lay Leader*

*Hymnal #246

Joy to the World

Benediction

Passing the Peace

Postlude

Auld Lang Syne

John Tiffin, 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.

CINDY BARRON

Pastor Biel is on vacation until January 4th. Cindy Barron, our Lay Leader, will be conducting the service today and Rev. B.J. Birkhahn-Rommelfanger will perform the Great Thanksgiving and communion. Thank you Cindy and Rev. Birkhahn-Rommelfanger.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by **MERIAM RAMIREZ** in celebration of her birthday.

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.

POINSETTIAS

If you did not take your poinsettia on Christmas Eve, please take your poinsettia home today. If you can deliver a poinsettia to a shut-in, please see Pam Castaneda after church.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **GERHARD** and **HESTER MELS** in celebration of **GERHARD's** birthday.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Kathy Tiffin for making quilts for the three Ngoyi children who were baptised last week - and helping Barb Smith to deliver the quilts and toys donated by the congregation to the family to celebrate their first Christmas in the United States.

ADVENT AT THE EDGE

There will not be an Advent at the Edge meeting this Tuesday, December 31, as Pastor Biel is on vacation. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 7** at **8 am**.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Today is a Fifth Sunday, when we offer **PRAYERS FOR HEALING** for those who seek healing, in the front of the sanctuary following worship. Everyone who seeks healing for any reason is invited to participate.

FOOD PANTRY NEXT SUNDAY

Next **Sunday, January 5**, we welcome food donations for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items needed for January are:

*Canned/boxed soup, Peanut butter/jelly,
Juice boxes, Shaving cream/razors.*

Shopping reminder cards are available in the Narthex. If you forget to purchase the items above, bring a can of "anything" in your cupboard/pantry to church for the Food Pantry.

All donations are welcome.

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!

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).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 2 - Kathy Ryan

January 5 - Linda Hovland

To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.)

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29, 2019

1st Sunday after Christmas

8:45 am - Choir Practice

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)

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

Cynthia Barron, Lay Leader

Rev. B.J. Birkhahn-

Rommelfanger

Fellowship after Worship

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 5, 2020

2nd Sunday after Christmas

8 am - Rise@Central Service

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

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

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship after Worship

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.....**Dorine Sobers**

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.....**Gerhard & Hester Mels**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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