

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 30th, 2018
First Sunday after
Christmas
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Still, Still, Still

Austrian Melody

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

Milette Silverio, piano

Welcome &
Announcements

Rev. Timothy Biel, Jr.

*Call to Worship

Alex Atkinson Reader

Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

All through the universe may praise to God abound!

Come, let us joyfully praise God!

Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. AMEN.

by Nancy Townley

*Hymnal #234

O Come All Ye Faithful

Opening prayer

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. AMEN.

by Nancy Townley

WORD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Anthem

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Jackson and Jill Jackson

Arr. by Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

Gospel	Luke 2:8-20
*Hymnal #179	<i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i>
The Message	<i>The Witness of Shepherds</i>
Entrance into Silence	
*Hymnal #171	<i>There's Something About That Name</i>
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Offering Prayer	
Offertory	<i>Carol of the Bells</i> <i>Mykola Leontovych</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano</i>
Doxology	
Prayer of Dedication	

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (go forward)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymnal #237	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i> (verses 1-4)
Benediction and Passing the Peace	
Postlude	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow</i> <i>Traditional Spiritual</i> <i>Arr. by Jack Schrader</i> <i>Millete Silverio, piano</i> <i>John Tiffin, keyboard</i>

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME!

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and are honored that you have come 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 and receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the congregation. Please take your poinsettia home today. If you can deliver a poinsettia to a shut-in, please see Pam Castaneda or Donna Campbell.

Please note that the **2019 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.

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.

EPIPHANY POTLUCK

Next **Sunday, January 6th**, we invite you to our annual **EPIPHANY POTLUCK** following worship. Please bring a dish to share; meat, drink and utensils will be provided. Don't cook? Consider a donation. Contact **MAE WILLIAMS** for further information at 847-676-0798 or hhldmaster@aol.com.

UPPER ROOM

The January/February edition of the daily devotional booklet, **UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

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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 6th**, 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 from **PAM CASTANEDA**. 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.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Thank you for your giving throughout 2018 and into the new year of 2019. Financial envelopes for 2019 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name, please contact Pam Castaneda (847-673-1311).

FURNACE UPDATE

The three furnaces have finally been installed in the Education Building at a cost of **\$40,000**. The congregation has raised **\$9,550** as of this date. Many thanks to all those who have contributed towards the cost of the furnaces. Additional contributions for the new and efficient models would be greatly appreciated. Please put "furnace" on the memo line of your check.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 2 - Kathy Ryan

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Fellowship to follow

Monday, December 31, 2018

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 3, 2019

7 pm -Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 6

8:45 am - Chancel Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study
10:30 am - **Worship**
Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.
Epiphany Potluck

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
Steve Winker
Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Carolyn Adams
Nancy Blaylock
Doris Bloom
Jacquie Leipold
Lois Martin
Rev. Sylvia Pleas
Harriet Tiahnybik
Nena Zamora
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**
Today's Reader.....**Alex Atkinson**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**
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***