

# **CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**December 8, 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**10:30 am**

\* = Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

### ***Welcome to Our World***

Words and Music by Chris Rice  
Millete Silverio, piano

Welcome

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr., *Pastor*

\*Call to Worship

Jeanne Parker, *Reader*

As the prophets cry out in the wilderness,  
God confronts us with truths that set free.

**We open ourselves to the holy offerings  
of those through whom God is speaking.**

When we welcome God, we welcome the cause  
of the suffering.

**And so we prepare for the call to courage and  
we listen for the leading of Justice.**

Where the spirit of God is, there is wisdom and  
understanding.

**Let all who long for liberation receive the  
message of the prophets. Thanks be to God  
who is bringing the Kingdom near.**

\*Hymn

### ***A Place at the Table***

## WORD

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Scripture:

Isaiah 1: 1 -11

Lighting the second Advent Candle

The Nicolasin/Rafanan Family

Anthem

### ***Let There Be Peace on Earth***

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Arr. Mark Hayes

The Chancel Choir

Millete Silverio, piano

\*Gospel

Matthew 3: 1 - 4 & Luke 1: 46 - 55

\*Hymn

### ***Canticle of the Turning***

Message:

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Reading and Challenge Questions (on screen)

\*Entrance into Silence

Hymn

### ***Breathe***

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***A Light of a Million Mornings***

Claire Cloninger, Mark Gersmehl and  
Mark Hayes

Emilio Nicolasin, soloist

Millete Silverio, piano

\*Doxology

***In the Bleak Midwinter***

Hymn #221 (Verse 4)

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

## **TABLE**

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Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

(please stay seated to receive the bread and the cup)

Communion Music:

Prayer after Communion

## **SENDING FORTH**

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Announcements

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Blessing of prayer shawls and blankets for ChildServ

\*Hymnal #211

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
(Verses 1, 2, & 6)***

Benediction and  
Advent Homework:

Bring Peace to the earth by using  
responsible packaging and plate ware  
this holiday.

Passing the Peace

Postlude

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

Adapted from plainsong by

Thomas Helmore

Arr. Mark Hayes

Millete Silverio, piano

John Tiffin, keyboard

Nick Werth, drums

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## WELCOME!

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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 stay seated to receive the bread and the cup.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by the **BARRON FAMILY** in celebration of **MARK's** birthday.

## FELLOWSHIP

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Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **MYLES GLASGOW, ED GUT** and **RON KONIOR**.

## BLESSING OF THE SHAWLS/BLANKETS

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Shawls and blankets have been placed on the ends of the pews, handmade by our Prayer Shawl Mission members, and will be blessed by Pastor Biel. The shawls and blankets will be delivered to ChildServ next week.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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As part of our Prison Ministry, there are additional Christmas cards available for signature in Fellowship Hall.

## THANK YOU

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A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** yesterday. !

## ADVENT AT THE EDGE

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Please join Pastor Biel in the Log Cabin on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019** at **8 am** for a time of centering and contemplation.

## STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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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!

## MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

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Today, **December 8** at **4 pm**, Michelle Harbeck Haley will playing with Chicago Bronze, a 7-octave community handbell ensemble, at **St. Martha's Catholic Church, 8523 Georgiana, Morton Grove.** It will also be a chance to meet Rev. Haley. A free will offering will be taken.

On **Saturday, December 14**, the **Park Ridge Chorale** - which includes your favorite chorale members, Zach Clark, Crystal and Christopher Bartlett and Jamie and Julianne Arvizu - will be performing wonderful Christmas songs from the Silver Screen. **"Christmas at the Movies"** will feature a medley from The Polar Express, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas from Meet Me in St. Louis, Silver Bells and many other songs from your favorite holiday films. The concert will begin at **7 pm** (doors open at 6:30 pm) at **St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge.** Tickets can be obtained from your favorite chorale members or on line at <https://squareup.com/store/park-ridge-chorale>.

## FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE

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**FOOD PANTRY TOY DRIVE** will replace Ornaments of Joy this year. Instead, we are collecting toys for needy children in our area, up to age 17. All toys are accepted but special requests have been made for Legos, plush blankets, sports equipment, cosmetic sets, art supplies and Barbie dolls. Warm gloves and hats are also needed. Please bring your **unwrapped** gifts and place under the Christmas tree in the narthex. Next Sunday, **December 15** is the last day to bring your gifts. See a member of the Missions Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin - with any questions.

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:45 am - Choir Practice

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (LC)

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

**Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

**Tuesday, December 10, 2019**

8 am - Advent at the Edge (LC)

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

12:30 pm - Canasta

4 pm - Silent Vigil

7 pm - Boy Scouts

**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

7 pm - Park Ridge Chorale

St. Luke's Lutheran Church,  
205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:45 am - Choir Practice

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

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

**Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Fellowship after Worship

6 pm - Youth Group (LC)

## 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.**

Reader..... **Jeanne Parker**

Choir Director/Accompanist..... **Millete Silverio**

Song Leader..... **Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff..... **Doris Bloom, Pam Castaneda  
& Kathy Tiffin**

Nursery Attendant..... **Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader..... **Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship..... **Myles Glasgow, Ed Gut  
& Ron Konior**

Ministers ..... **Rev. Adrienne Stricker, Deacon  
The People of the Congregation**

## MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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