

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 9th, 2018
The 2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Preamble

Louis Verne, opus 31
John Tiffin, organ

Welcome &
Announcements

Rev. Timothy Biel, Jr.

*Call to Worship

Jane Atkinson, Reader

The Lord has looked with favor on God's people.

Praise to the Lord!

A messenger of peace will be sent to us.

Thanks be to God!

The messenger will place peace in our hearts and
our spirits.

**Come, O Messenger of Peace,
we stand in need of your presence. AMEN.**

by Nancy Townley

Hymnal #218

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Lighting the Advent Candles

Opening prayer

**We have prepared our homes and our gifts,
Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits
to receive your message of Peace. Free us
from the stresses and strains of this time,
and place your peace which passes all our
understanding in our hearts. For we ask this
in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

by Nancy Townley

WORD

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Anthem

Prepare Ye The Way with Shout to the North

Michael Barrett & Martin Smith
Chancel Choir
Nick Werth, drums
John Tiffin, piano

*Gospel	Matthew 13:54-56
*Hymnal #18	Canticle of the Turning #18
The Message	Joseph the Carpenter
Entrance into Silence	
Hymnal #207	Prepare the Way of the Lord <i>sung three times</i>
Prayers of the People	
The Lord's Prayer	
Offering Prayer	
Offertory	Comfort Ye My People and Every Valley shall be Exalted <i>George F. Handel</i> <i>Chris Bartlett, tenor</i> <i>John Tiffin, piano</i>
Doxology	
Prayer of Dedication	

TABLE

Great Thanksgiving
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (seated)

SENDING FORTH

Hymnal #221	In The Bleak Midwinter
Benediction and Passing the Peace	
Postlude	Cortege <i>Louis Vierne</i> <i>John Tiffin, organ</i>

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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 remain seated to receive the bread and the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **BERNICE HERWALD** in memory of her husband, **RAY**.

Also, 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 **MAE WILLIAMS** and her Kitchen Krew.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave time and energy to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** yesterday; we appreciate your help!

DORIS BLOOM

Doris had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday and is doing very well. She hopes to be going to Alden Estates, 4626 Old Orchard Road in Skokie over the weekend for rehabilitation. Please sign the Get Well card for Doris in the Narthex.

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TOYS FOR NILES TOWNSHIP

Today is the last Sunday to bring toys for needy children in our area. Thank you to all those who have contributed. See a member of the Mission Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Lisa Jacob, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin with any questions.

A big **Thank You** to Barb Smith who purchased the beautiful Christmas tree in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

2018 **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - to be sent to shut-ins (and others) - are available for signing in Fellowship Hall today.

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!

FURNACE UPDATE

The two furnaces are still being installed on the west side of the Education Building. The cost of installing all three furnaces is \$40,000. The congregation has contributed approximately \$3,000 to date. 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

December 17- Chris Konior

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 9th

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Rev. Timothy J. Biel Jr.

Fellowship to follow

Wednesday, December 12th

7 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 13th

7 pm -Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 15^h

7:45 am - Food Depostory

Sunday, December 16th

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

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Fellowship to follow

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted

Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass

Doris Bloom

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

Rosemarie Young

At Home:

Carolyn Adams

Nancy Blaylock

Jacquie Leipold

Lois Martin

Rev. Sylvia Pleas

Harriet Tiahnybik

Nena Zamora

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**Timothy J. Biel Jr.**

Today's Reader..... **Jane 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.....**Mae Williams**

& Her Kitchen Krew

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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