

CENTRAL

United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



December 2, 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 a.m.

The Mission of
Central United Church of Christ is...
to be a Christ-centered community
of faithful disciples,
who are called
to GROW IN FAITH, and
to SHARE GOD'S LOVE
as we REACH OUT
to each other,
to our community
and to our world.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Arise, the Kingdom Is At Hand” #93

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

The Lord is our righteousness.

***CHORAL INTROIT** “Festive Procession” - Christiansen

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

Make your ways known, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us into your truth and instruct our hearts—for you are the God of our salvation; for you, and you alone, we wait with joy. Amen.

***PRAISE HYMN** “Hark the Glad Sound the Saviour Comes” #97

***PASSING THE PEACE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)**
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Advent Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (First Verse)
#88

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

CHORAL RESPONSE

HANDBELL SOLO "Manger Lullaby" - arr. Hart Morris
(Rene Miserez, bells; Sara Landreth, flute;
Dr. Patrick Clark, violin; Shirley Klein, piano)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as

we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “In Dulci Jubilo” - Drischner

***THE DOXOLOGY (sung in unison)**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)**
Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us
to be your friends,
and to know your will in the world.
Therefore, we pray in Jesus’ name
that these tithes and offerings
spread your love near and far. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today we are observing pew communion. All who find themselves in communion with God or in need of communion with God are invited to share in the bread and cup of the Lord’s Table. We observe open communion in the United Church of Christ, which means that **all** are welcome to share in this sacrament. When the bread is served, please take a piece and hold it until all are served. We will eat the bread*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
December 2 – 9

TODAY:	1 st Sunday of Advent	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30AM
	Coffee Hour	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:15AM
MON:	Scouts	7:00PM
TUES:	Brotherhood	5:30PM
WED:	Quilting	9:00AM
	Young Youth After School Activities	3:45PM
	Bell Choir	6:15PM
	Senior Choir	7:00PM
NEXT SUNDAY:	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
	Adult Sunday School	8:30AM
	Coffee Hour	9:00AM
	Worship	10:00AM
	Children's Sunday School	10:15AM
	Elenor Circle Christmas Lunch	11:00AM

Attendance Last Sunday: 75

Altar flowers are in memory of Carl E. Burkel from the family of Donald L. and Dorothy L. Burkel.

Bulletins are in memory of Carl Petry, and grandson James David Porter, from Mary Petry.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Kathryn Waite, Audrey Hoelscher Bruemmer, Jacquie Howser, Tonya Berhorst, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild

Pastoral Care – Rev. Stoneburner has agreed to fill-in for emergency pastoral care. If you have a need for pastoral care, please call the church office at 635-1041, and they will be in contact with Rev. Stoneburner.

Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Judith Scott for leading us in worship this morning and delivering the sermon message.

Consider joining the CUCC Choir! We rehearse on Wednesdays, 7:00PM–8:30PM in the choir room. Our fellowship is a wonderful way to strengthen the CUCC community!

90+ Birthdays:

Mabel Thompson (11/22)
% Tom and Judy Thompson
6901 Bates Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109

The Christmas Lights Tour is full! Please pay Susan Poettgen before December 13 so we have the money to pay the trolley. Cost is \$13 per person. The trolley leaves at 5:30 p.m. – meet on the small parking lot by the gym doors. Join the Mission and Outreach Ministry for cookies and hot chocolate after the tour.

Central will again be selling poinsettias in 6” pots from Trenklein Greenhouses which you can purchase in memory or in honor of someone. *Cost is \$10 per poinsettia; checks should be made payable to Central UCC with “Poinsettia” in the memo*

line. **The completed form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office by Monday, December 3.** Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on December 23 and 24. You can pick-up your poinsettia(s) at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve Service or on December 26 – 28 during office hours. Contact Mary Ann Wippermann if you have questions.

Central Church women are invited to the Grace Evangelical Church Women's Christmas dinner, December 2, from 5:00PM– 8:00PM. This will be at the Grace Evangelical Church, 3015 South Ten Mile Drive. Cost is \$12 per person. Please make your reservations with Ruth Long so they can adequately prepare!

2019 Bulletin Openings: The Sundays shown below are available for 2019. Cost is \$15 per Sunday. If interested, please contact the office at office@centralucc.com or 635-1041.

4th Sunday in May (5/27)

5th Sunday in June (6/30)

It's time to sign-up for monthly 2019 Salvation Army Meals. All months are open except January and May. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mission and Outreach Ministry chair, Susan Poettgen, at 573-298-4515 or susan.poettgen@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed to prepare Communion for 2019. Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month as well as the Ash Wednesday Service and Easter Services. We are needing volunteers to help prepare the elements and also clean-up afterwards. If you are interested, please contact

Worship Ministry chair, Mary Ann Wippermann, at 636-3685 or mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

Young Youth for kids ages K-5th grades get together on Wednesdays after school for food and fun, faith and fellowship. Supervision begins at 3:45 (or whenever your school gets out) and we end at 6:00. Come join us!

Incoming mail for groups and committees within Central Church – A lot of mail comes through the office each week, including mail addressed to the various groups at Central UCC. Effective immediately, mail for groups, committees, etc. will be placed on shelves in the library across from the office until we can acquire a more permanent type of mail sorter. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Christmas begins with Christ

Handbell Solo Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 16
2:00 p.m.

Scripture and music woven together to reflect on Jesus' birth

**ADVENT POINSETTIA ORDER
2018**

Please complete the form below to place your order for poinsettias. Cost is \$10 per poinsettia. This form along with your payment must be turned in to the church office no later than **Monday, December 3rd.**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Poinsettia/s: _____

Total Cost: _____ (\$10 each)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Your presence and participation are an important part of shaping this experience of worship for all of us. Know that whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey of life and of faith, you are welcome here!

If you are a guest here today, we would love for you to become a regular part of what God is doing in and through this church community. If you have any questions about joining us in ministry, please contact the Pastor.

Large Print Bulletins: Large print editions of the worship bulletin are available in the Narthex and by the elevator.

Friendship Register: Please sign the Friendship Register (the blue book at the end of the pew) when it is passed around so that we have a record of your visit.

Ministers	Every Member
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein

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