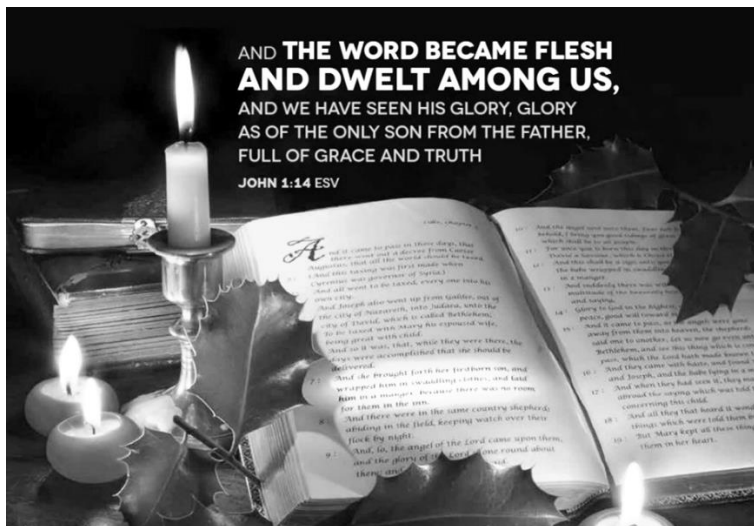


CENTRAL

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



AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND DWELT AMONG US,
AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY
AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER,
FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

JOHN 1:14 ESV

December 29, 2019
First Sunday after Christmas
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 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” #102

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Let the seas roar and the mountains quake.

Everything came into being through the Word. What came into being was life, and the life was the light for all people.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

The Word became flesh and blood, and lived among us to bring all people to the light.

Let heaven and earth break forth into joyous song, singing praises to our God.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Christ, our light, shines forth in glory. Christ our life, brings grace and truth. Let us worship. Alleluia!

CHOIR INTROIT

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

How beautiful upon the mountains, O God, are messengers of your light and love who come announcing peace. How delightful in the congregation are voices singing the good news of our salvation. How wonderful in the wretched places of our world are heralds of your justice and mercy who proclaim the coming of your reign. Bring us your peace, Holy One, and

Oh, rest now from crying; safe guard I will keep.
Eia, Eia, Thou sweetest and best!

Forget for a moment the sorrows of the earth;
Man's burden of sin that Thou bearest from birth;
Forget the poor stable where Thou must rest;
If Thou dost accept it, no palace so blest.
Eia, Eia, Thou sweetest and best!

Thy glory gives grace to the manger and stall;
On me at Thy side may a benison fall.
Thus blest with Thy presence, 'tis here I would be,
Child Jesus, my Savior, ne'er parted from Thee.
Eia, Eia, Thou sweetest and best!
Thou sweetest and best!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

***THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

(Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Never Do Bells Ring More Sweetly"* – Schmutz

*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.

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

CLOSING HYMN "Away in a Manger" #109

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *"From Heaven Above"* – Pachelbel

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES
December 29, 2019 – January 5, 2020

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
WED:	New Year's Day – Dominoes	1:00pm
THURS:	Adult Bible Study	10:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am

Attendance last Sunday: 88

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Ralph Gladden, Jr., from Gladys and family.

Bulletins are in memory of our loved ones from Gary and Joyce Mutert.

Please pray for our members, family and friends: Mabel Thompson, Elizabeth Klemme, Jacquie Howser, Beckett Michael Karr (parents Geoff and Lauren Karr), Jimmy Fairchild, Melissa Parscal, Jenny Alpers, Larry Rizner, Lee Thompson, Finn Price, August Begemann, Pat Brauner, Hank Gozia, Michelle Heymeyer, Abel Green, Jerry Watson, Lonnie Schneider, George Seifert, Doug Blaha, Tommy Thompson, Norma Klemme, Eleanor Diersing, Allen Schmutzler, Dennis Kuebler, Janet Miller

Adult Bible Study with Rev. Scott has moved to Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. The class is open to all!

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90+ Birthdays this month:

(To our knowledge, there are no 90+ birthdays in December. If you know someone who should be added to the list, please contact the office.)

The time has come when the beautiful Christmas trees and other decorations need to be taken down and stored away for another year. Help will be needed to do this next Sunday, January 5, 2020. We'll do this right after the worship service and special congregational meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wippermann at 573-636-3685 or email mlwipper@embarqmail.com.

The 2020 offering envelope boxes are available for you to pickup in the narthex. Please DO NOT begin using your envelopes until January 5, 2020 as the system rennumbers the envelopes each year.

Annual Reports – If you are responsible for submitting information for the 2019 Annual Report, please turn in your report **by December 31, 2019**. Reports should be emailed to office@centralucc.com. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 573-635-1041.

A congregational meeting will be held after services on **January 5** to discuss potential changes to the church profile and provide an update from the Search and Call Committee.

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
Stated Supply Minister.....	Rev. Dr. Judith Scott
Director of Music	Dr. Patrick Clark
Young Youth Director/Bell Choir Director.....	Rene Miserez
Organist.....	Shirley Klein



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