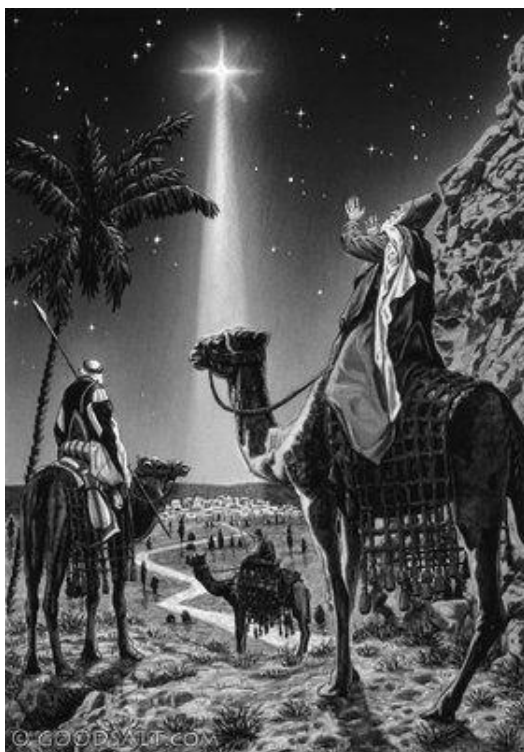


CENTRAL

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



January 5, 2020
Second 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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* indicates please stand, as you are able

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“Another Year Is Dawning”* #424

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Arise, shine! Your light has come.

The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

Behold, the nations have come to witness God’s light.

Kings have come to behold Christ’s brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

The glory of the Lord is all around. Arise, shine! Your light has come.

CHOIR INTROIT

***GATHERING PRAYER (in unison)**

God, creator of starlight, disperse the darkness of our lives, that we may behold the light of your love shining in every corner of our world. Guide our footsteps in the paths of righteousness, that justice may flourish, and peace may abound. Help us follow the kings of old, that through our own journeys of faith, we may behold the mystery made known through the coming of your glory in the infant Jesus. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN *“As With Gladness Men of Old”* #123

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

CHOIR RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Abide With Us, Our Savior"* - Cherwien
(Dr. Patrick Clark, violin)

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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" – Buxtehude

***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 together. The glasses of wine will then be served. The innermost circle of glasses contains grape juice for those who would prefer it. Please take a glass, hold it until all are served. We will drink together. If you choose not to partake of the elements of bread and wine, you may celebrate communion with God and others through silent prayer and meditation.*

INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

SHARING COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *“Pastorale”* - Handel

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

AND GO FORTH IN LOVE

CLOSING HYMN *“Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”* #335

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE *“In Thee Is Gladness”* – Manz

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

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

January 5 – January 12

TODAY:	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Children's Sunday School	10:15am
	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
MON:	Scouts	7:00pm
TUES:	Brotherhood	5:30pm
WED:	Quilting	9:00am
	CUCC Family Time at Perkins	9:00am
	Young Youth	3:00pm
	Bell Choir	6:15pm
	Sr. Adult Choir	7:00pm
THURS:	Adult Bible Study	10:00am
	Salvation Army Meal	5:00pm
SAT:	Breakfast Bonanza	7:00am
NEXT SUNDAY:		
	Adult Sunday School	8:30am
	Coffee Hour	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am

Attendance Christmas Eve: 154

Attendance last Sunday: 74

Altar flowers are for members past and present of Central United Church of Christ from Linda Heller.

Bulletins are in loving memory of Judy Rizner from the family.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ralph Howard Zumbahl who passed away December 30, 2019. Services were held January 4, 2020.

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, Family of Howard Zumbahl

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:

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1110 Major Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Bertie Spalding, 1/18
1809 Devonshire Circle, #A
Holts Summit, MO 65043

Ruth Popp, 1/25
3122 Rock Ridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109

A congregational meeting will be held today, January 5, after the worship service to discuss potential changes to the church profile and provide an update from the Search and Call Committee.

Today, January 5, the beautiful Christmas trees and other decorations need to be taken down and stored away for another year. Your help is needed – we'll do this following the worship service and special congregational meeting.

Annual Reports – If you are responsible for submitting information for the 2019 Annual Report, your report must be submitted to the church office ***no later than Wednesday, January 8,*** so it can be included in the report. Please email your report to: office@centralucc.com. If you have questions, please contact the office at 573-635-1041.

The 2020 offering envelope boxes are available for you to pick-up in the narthex. Please DISCARD YOUR 2019 ENVELOPES and use only the 2020 envelopes from your new box as the system renumbers envelopes each year.

Altar Flower and Bulletin openings for 2020 – Please contact the church office if you would like one of the Sundays listed below. (Please note that “5th Sunday of the month” listings will vary year-to-year.)

Altar Flower Openings: April 12, May 31, August 30, November 29

Bulletin Openings: May 31, August 30, November 29

Come and celebrate Larry Long's 80th birthday on January 18,
from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the church gym. Come and enjoy
punch, cake and fellowship!

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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