

Order of Worship - 9:30 A.M. December 13, 2009

GATHERING MUSIC Terry Raymond, Keyboard; Ben Oakes, Bass; Bruce Bartley, Drums
*Large print bulletins and hymnals (red cover) as well as FM receivers are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. If you want to share a prayer request, take a card from the pew rack, fill it out and during the prayer hymn hold it up for the usher to collect. *Please stand as you are able at asterisk.*

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Welcome, Announcements and Special Celebrations Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD Praise Band

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Leader: Sing loudly with praise for God.

People: God is with us here!

Leader: Rejoice in the God of our salvation

People: God is in our midst.

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*HYMNS OF PRAISE “Angels from the Realms of Glory” - vv. 1 & 2 No. 220

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” - vv. 1 & 2 No. 158

EPISTLE READING Philippians 4:4-7 Liturgist

GUIDED ADVENT REFLECTION ON READING by F. Richard Garland

LITURGY FOR LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Leader: The Lord your God is in the midst, rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing you in love. I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord.

(First two Advent Candles are relit)

People: In this new light we give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.

People: We will rejoice in the Lord always.

Leader: We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness.

(Third Advent Candle is lit, as leader reads the line above.)

People: As a covenant people we seek to live in the joy of the Lord.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Refrain of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 211

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

BAPTISM Elaine Violet Barron, daughter of Amy and Josh *Follow blue insert in hymnal*

MUSICAL RESPONSE “God Claims You” *Congregation sings refrain below*

“Ellie, Ellie, God Claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn “Away in a Manger” - vv. 1 & 2 No. 217

Prayer cards collected. You may come to the altar for prayer.

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Invitation & Prayer of Dedication Pastor

The Offertory Praise Band

MESSAGE IN MUSIC AND DRAMA “365 Days of Christmas” Children (*See insert*)

“365 Days of Christmas”

“Jesus Keeps Us Warm Inside” Makenna Counts, Clara & Samuel Daugherty, soloists

“God’s Valentine”

“Joy to the World, It’s Spring”

“Christmas in July” Hope Hartmann, Katy Swain, Haley Worland, soloists

“Christmas Trick or Treat”

“Fall into Christmas” Emma Schreiber, Ethan Schreiber & Maddie Schreiber, soloists

“Invitation Song” Talon Counts, Evan Lynch, Hope Hartmann, Katy Swain,
Anna Schreiber, Emma Schreiber, Ethan Schreiber & Maddie Schreiber

“365 Days of Christmas (reprise)”

BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE Praise Band

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of Advent
One Service at 9:30 Theme: Prophetic Vision
Choir Cantata: “The Mystery and the Majesty”

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We welcome all to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to stop by our Visitors Welcome Station.

Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Sts. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

Nametags help members and visitors. Wear yours each Sunday; then leave it on a rack for next Sunday. If you need one, notify the church office.

Have you remembered Central in your will? Bequests show ultimate caring. You may designate your gift as you wish. Undesignated bequests go half to Endowment (earnings of which support building maintenance & local missions) and half to fund major needs.

2009 CHURCH GOALS: Radical Hospitality Passionate Worship Extravagant Generosity
Intentional Faith-Development Risk-Taking Mission and Service

Central United Methodist Church December 13, 2009



Children's Pageant "365 Days of Christmas"

Third Sunday of Advent