

## 8:30 Service

*(This service is held in the Garden Room on the lower level and is led without a printed order)*

BAND: Terry Raymond, Keyboard  
Ben Oakes, Bass  
WORSHIP LEADER: Patti Wright  
Bruce Bartley, Drums  
Billy Jines, Guitar  
SPECIAL MUSIC: Karen Renner; Melissa Counts

## Order of Worship for 10:30 Service

### WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Carolyn Howard  
*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  
Minute Message Angel Tree Task Force

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD “Veni Emmanuel” – arr. Young

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Leader: This is a time of great preparation. What have you come expecting today?

**People: We have come to hear the words of God’s messengers.**

Leader: Listening to God’s messengers is often difficult.

Are you prepared to hear truths?

**People: We have come to hear God’s truth, and to receive it as good news.**

Leader: God’s word of confrontation is always followed by a word of grace.

**People: Let us hear those words with gladness as we worship together.**

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\*HYMN OF PRAISE “People, Look East” No. 202

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Linda Harris

*Children are invited to the chancel for this time. After this, children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave with Nancy Reid for Kid’s Club.*

BAPTISM Natalie Elizabeth, daughter of Heather Morse Follow blue insert in hymnal

### WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-4

GUIDED ADVENT REFLECTION ON READING by F. Richard Garland

LITURGY FOR LIGHTING THE PROMISE CANDLE

Leader: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,  
says the Lord of hosts. *(First Advent Candle is relit)*

**People: The light of hope has awakened our spirits.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

**People: Renew in us your covenant, O God,  
that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.**

Leader: We light a second candle *(Second Advent Candle is lit)*  
to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

**People: With gratitude for your light, O God,  
we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.**

MESSAGE IN MUSIC “Christmas Is Coming” - Raney Chancel Choir/Hand Bells  
Terri Pennington, Paula Giesman, Linda Eggleston

SERMON “Getting Ready for Christmas, Again” Pastor

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” No. 229

*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

The Offertory “My Heart This Night Rejoices” – arr. Young Organ

\*The Doxology No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

### WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

\*SENDING HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” No. 230

\*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE Organ

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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.

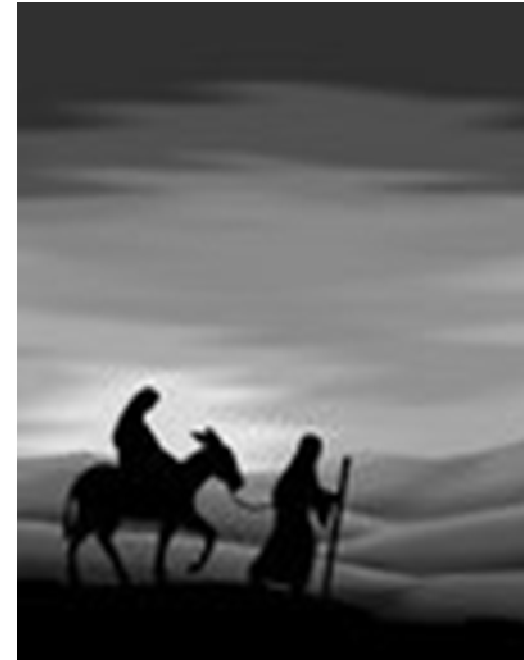
**Access & Parking:** Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Sts. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

**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 6, 2009



**“Getting Ready for Christmas, Again”**

**Second Sunday of Advent**