

9:30 Worship - Order of Service

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Letta Fraccaro

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 TIME

Welcome & United Methodist Student Day Recognition

Pastor

MUSIC FOR CENTERING ON GOD

“Behold That Star” – Arr. Hayes

Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

by Joanne Carlson Brown

Responsive

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

People: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Three Kings”

No. 254

* PRAYER OF GATHERING

MINUTE MESSAGE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nancy Reid

Following this, children through 5th grade may leave with Nancy Reid for Kid’s Club.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Rick and Barb Hubbard

ANTHEM

“The Beautiful, Impossible” - Martin

Chancel Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. 182 NT)

Liturgist

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-18

SERMON

“From Before the Foundations to the Fullness of Time”

Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Hymn

“What Child Is This”

No. 219

Ushers will collect prayer cards, or you may bring yours up to and/or pray at the altar.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Mike Warneke

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Allen P. Happe

Unison

Jesus Christ, God with us, you came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. We have not always lived up to your expectations for us. We confess that too often we are
—impoverished in spirit. **Grant us the fullness of your grace.**
—wrapped up in ourselves. **Open us to others.**
—slow to learn. **Teach us of your ever-expanding truth.**
—proud over little. **Whet our hunger and thirst for justice.**
—scatter like grains of the field. **Gather us into a single loaf.**
—distracted of mind. **Direct us to what is most important: your love for us, your will for our lives, and your sustaining Presence in every circumstance.**
Amen.

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OFFERTORY

“The Three Kings” - Young

Organ

(The ushers will collect & present the offering without a Doxology.)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD’S PRAYER

Responsive/Unison

from “A Service of Word and Table III”, Hymnal pp. 15-16

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All who are able are encouraged to come forward to receive communion by intinction today. Beginning at the front, the ushers will direct people to come forward by way of the side aisles. People in the center sections will take the center aisle back and side aisle forward. Those from the balcony may fall in line with those from the main floor. Take a piece of bread from the first server, then move to the person with the cup, dip the bread, and commune. Stop at the altar railing for prayer, if you wish, or return directly to your pew by way of a center aisle. Servers will bring the elements to those who wish to remain seated and commune in the pew. Partake as the elements are offered and place the empty cup in the pew holders.

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 251

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Organ

NEXT SUNDAY: Casual Service Leader: Brandon Daugherty
Traditional Service Sermon: “Why Baptism for Jesus? For Us?”
Traditional Service Scriptures: Matt. 3:13-17 & Acts 10:34-43

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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.

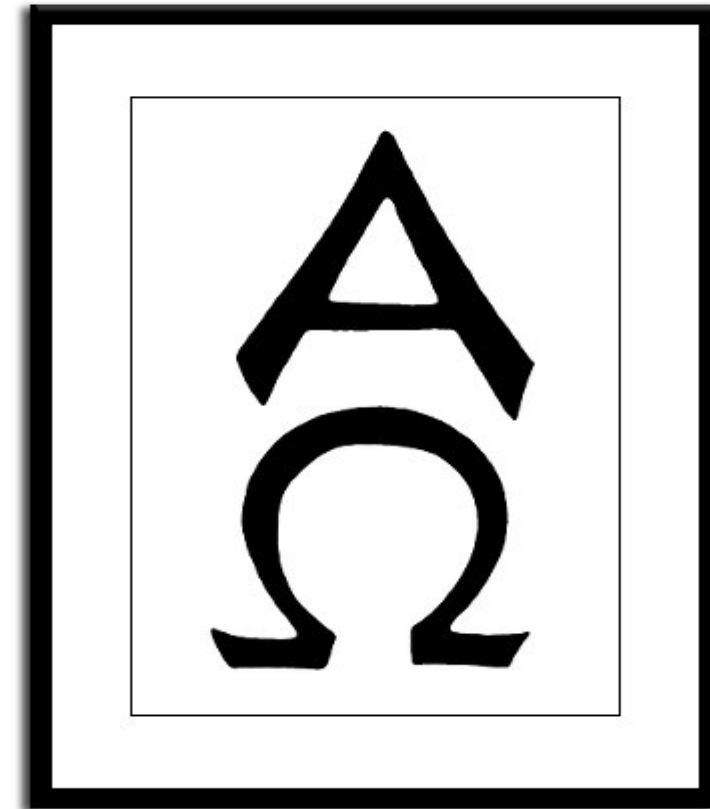
Access & Parking: Our elevator is at the west entrance; handicapped parking is nearby off Franklin St. Other parking is across Mary St. from the church, around the Family Life Center and at Edgar & Michigan Sts. We may also use Deaconess Hospital and Berry Plastics' lots.

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.

2011 Church Goal: Growth in Membership, Discipleship, and Service through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity

Central United Methodist Church January 2, 2011



**“From Before the Foundations
to the Fullness of Time”**

Ephesians 1:3-14 & John 1:1-18