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MISSION STATEMENT

Making disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

VISION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered,
scripturally grounded
community, growing in
loving relationship with God,
our local children and
community, and our world.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 17, 2023



GROWING.

LOVING.

RELATING.

WELCOME

Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent
“Angels’ Song”
Luke 2.8-14

PRELUDE “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.

CENTERING MUSIC “While Shepherds Watched their Flocks” arr. James Koerts

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: This is the season of holy waiting.
P: We wait for the time when the desert will bloom abundantly.
L: We watch for the day when all God’s people will come together with singing.
P: We wait while the dawning light appears on the horizon.
ALL: Come let us walk in the light of God!

*HYMN “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” No. 218

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Advent Reading Emily and Lee Musgrave

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Gracie Schmidt

OFFERTORY “The First Noel” arr. Jim Lucas

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 95
**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**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM “Somebody Build a Manger” by Joel Raney

MESSAGE “Angels’ Song” Pastor Dewey Miller
Luke 2.8-14

*HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” No. 220

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!” arr. Anna Laura Page

*Stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY
SUNDAY, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room

TUESDAY, December 19

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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WEDNESDAY, December 20

9:00 a.m.	Organic Produce Club	Garden Room
5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room

THURSDAY, December 21

5:30 p.m.	Zumba	FLC
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SATURDAY, December 23

8:30 a.m.	Angel Tree Toy Delivery	Trinity Room
11:00 a.m.	Birthday Event	Tunnels
8:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting	Garden Room/FLC

SUNDAY, December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room
9:15 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary/Online
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Various Classrooms
10:30 a.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

ADDITIONAL DONATION FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

Given by: The Long Family
Memory of : Charles L. & Ruth Long



COOKIES

The Famous Compass Class Cookie Walk is today! Cookies are available in the back of the Sanctuary starting at 9:00 a.m.

WIFI PASSWORD: WWJD2014

Angels' Song
Luke 2.8-14
17 December 2023

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” Luke 2.14

Music is imperative in our worship:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100.1-2

Music and musicians have a significant place in worship- 2 Chronicles 5.11-14

It makes sense that music would have a large role in the coming of the Messiah.

The Angels' Song:

1. The glory of the _____. (v. 9)
...and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

2. _____. (v. 10)
And the angel said unto them, Fear not...
365 times we have this command in the Bible.

3. _____ for all people. (v. 10)
I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

4. A Savior _____. (v.11)
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Christ = Messiah

_____. (v. 14)

Take Away Prayer

O God,
These are anxious times. There is turmoil all around us. In these days we pray for your peace. We ask that you help us glorify you, and spread your good news to all people.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Advent Candles

Week Three: The Candle of Joy

Scripture: John 1.6-8, 19-28

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ. They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" Now some Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Leader: Let us pray. God, Father of Light, bless this Advent candle. This is a time for caring and sharing, a time for smiling and singing, a time for rejoicing in life itself! Let us open our hearts fully to others. Let our faces radiate the joy of your coming so that everyone we meet will know of you and the gift of life you bring. Jesus, our Lord, we rejoice in your coming.

All: Amen.



We will be delivering the Angel tree gifts on December 23 at 8:30 AM.

This is always a fun and meaningful activity. This is more than just delivering gifts to our children. It is really another chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and sharing His love for others. Let us know you are coming. There will be a sign-in sheet for this at the back of the Sanctuary. Come on down and start your Christmas off with joy and a smile.

Service Opportunity

Next year, the Central Child Care Board will need a Church member to serve as Secretary. The position involves taking minutes at one meeting a month (usually 1 hour, held via Zoom). The Secretary is a full, voting member of the Board. As a Child Care Board member you will get to know the Child Care staff and understand the high standards they must meet. You will be impressed at their efficiency, dedication, and compassion. Please give prayerful consideration to serving as Secretary of the Child Care Board. Contact Linda Henzman (812-455-2754) or Mandy Peters (812-424-9461) for more information.