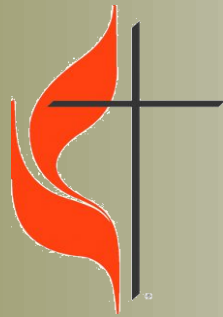


Sending Forth

Congregational Response: Hymn 204“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us
revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.**

*Postlude: “Savior of the Nations, Come” -arr. Hugo Distler



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Central

United Methodist Church Is:

- ◆ A vital congregation of diverse people
- ◆ Centered in faithful worship of God
- ◆ Growing as disciples of Jesus Christ
- ◆ Moving out in compassionate service

In Ministry

General Ministers.....303
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 Minister of Music/organist.....Sherry von Oeyen
 Office Manager.....Dana F. Wade
 Child’s Play Director..... Jo Ann B. Black
 Custodian.....Janet Nuckoles
 Retired Pastor..... David D. Reed
 Professor MBC.....Kenneth A. Beals
 District Superintendent.....D. Michael Houff
 Resident Bishop.....Young Jin Cho

*Welcome to Central United Methodist
Church Morning Worship*



**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2012 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Steve E. McMillion, Pastor**



The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

If you have an announcement to be made, please contact the church office by Thursday.

Prelude: “In Dulci Jubilo” --J.S. Bach

Please bow your head in Silent Prayer as we prepare for worship

Processional Hymn 203..... “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*Greeting

Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say rejoice!

**With joy, we draw water
from the well of salvation.**

Sing aloud, O daughters of the Holy One.

**With thanks, we return home
to the living God.**

Shout for joy, O sons of the Most High.

With praise, we approach the throne of grace

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle Jim & Vicki Printy

SONG: **A candle is burning, a candle of joy. A candle to welcome brave Mary's new
boy. Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow as joy brightens
winter like sunshine on snow.**

(Melody of Away in a Manger)

*Opening Prayer

Children's Focus

*Please stand as you are able

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

(After the reading of the Scripture Lesson the reader will say:

“This is the Word of the Lord.” The congregation responds: “Thanks be to God”)

- Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Pew Bible, Page 767)
- Second Reading Isaiah 12:2-6 (Pew Bible, Page 558)
- Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible, Page 955)
- Musical Offering: “Whence is That Goodly Fragrance Flowing?”-arr. J. Ashley Hall
-Madalyn Marshall, flute
- *Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-18 (Pew Bible, Page 834)
- Sermon Pastor Steve

Response to the Word

- *Hymn 224 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
- Pastoral Prayers and Prayer of the People
- Prayer (Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)
- Offertory: “In the Bleak Mid-Winter” -arr. Malcolm Archer
- Congregational Response Hymn 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. A-men.

Affirmation of Faith

**The Lord is holy and awesome and full of power! He sent his Son to earth to redeem mankind. Jesus came and lived among us, dying that we might live.
 He returned to heaven, promising to return again one day.
 He will come in righteousness and holiness, bringing peace to all mankind.
 The Spirit of God lives with us now, moving and breathing life into our souls.
 We wait expectantly for our King, our Ruler, our Savior. He is coming. This we believe.**

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

**God of justice,
 before we get carried away with our alleluias,
 remind us once more that salvation may be free,
 but it places demands upon us.
 How often do we find ourselves on the wrong side of your good news?
 We forget that the fire of your baptism is a purifying fire—
 a fire consuming those whose spirits are closed off from the world.
 Forgive us when we praise you with our lips but curse you with our actions:
 when we hoard our wealth, when we withhold mercy from the needy,
 when we cheat the weak and defenseless.
 Heal our hearts, Compassionate One,
 that we may be a people of true repentance—
 a people who prepare for your Son’s birth by embracing those He loved. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebration of Holy Communion Page 23

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**

*Hymn Insert”The King Shall Come”

Benediction

Opportunities

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Sunday (12/16)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's S.S.
10:45 a.m. Worship
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Monday (12/17)

9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg.
5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers

Tuesday (12/18)

9:00 a.m. Child's Play
6:00 p.m. NAMI Family
7:00 p.m. ACPJ

Wednesday (12/19)

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry

6:00 p.m. Women's NA
7:00 p.m. Bells

Thursday (12/20)

6:00 p.m. Together on Thurs.
6:30 p.m. Anxiety Group
7:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. NA

Friday (12/21)

10:00 a.m. Co-Op
6:30 p.m. NA
7:00 p.m. Lego league

Saturday (12/22)

10:00 a.m. Dual Recovery
6:00 p.m. N.A.

-Our Stewardship-

DECEMBER 9, 2012
Attendance: 89

Income received toward expenses:
\$5,502.00

Food Pantry: \$300.00 Samaritan: \$31.00

Christmas Offering: \$480.00

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 19 FROM 5-10 PM,
SHENANDOAH PIZZA WILL
DONATE 15% OF YOUR BILL TO

MEALS ON WHEELS



DANCE CLASS

Shag Dance classes for beginners will be held on Wednesdays, beginning January 9, 2013, at 6:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a partner and have some

fun!! No previous dance experience required! Contact Beth Blackmer for more info. at 885-7762.

Decorate Our Christmas Tree

We put up our church Christmas tree in the Gathering Room, and we need your help to decorate it---with hats, gloves and scarves! We'll be collecting hats, gloves and scarves over the next several weeks to distribute to local needy children. Your gifts can be dropped off at the church office any time, or brought to church on Sundays.

Welcome

Announcements

-To Our Guests-

We are delighted to have you worship with us, and we invite you to participate in Communion and the life of the church. To become a member of this fellowship, please talk with the pastor. Following the service will be a time of fellowship. Please join us so that we might get better acquainted.

-Attendance Slip/Friendship Register-

Please take a moment and sign the attendance slip in your pew and, if you are a member here, please introduce yourself to anyone who might be visiting with us today. Your warmth and hospitality will be a blessing in someone's life today.

-Children-

Children are invited to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Focus, children under 6 years of age may go to the play room. Later, during the Doxology, they will be brought back into the Sanctuary to participate with their parents in the Great Thanksgiving and receiving of the Lord's Supper. We welcome the participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

-Prayer-

If you would like someone to pray with you please let the pastor know.

-Serving Today-

Greeters: Sybille Jobin & Susan Obaugh **Reader:** Judi Jones

Communion: Tom & Connie Davis; Vicki & Jim Printy

-Ushers-

Bob Markley, Vince Ennis, Sam Richardson, Ken Beals, Richard Hamrick, Jim Clemmer, John Ambrogi, Ben True, Eric Stumb, Bill Bushman, Josh Gutshall, Tommy Rosen

-Food Pantry Requests-

canned chicken, spam. Jelly, cereal, ramen noodles, chili, mac-n-cheese, pineapple, mandarin oranges, dish detergent, soap bars, paper towels