

## Sending Forth

### Benediction

As Mary before us, set out with haste on the journey of life!

**We go forth to a world in need.**

As Jesus before us, offer hope and love.

**We go forth with gracious and generous hearts.**

As Elizabeth before us, prepare for good news.

**We go forth rejoicing in praise,**  
for Christ is coming soon!

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: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” ..... -arr. Michael Burkhardt

### Central United Methodist Church

(Founded 1797)



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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  
 Pastor.....Steve E. McMillion  
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 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



4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 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: “Variations on Puer Nobis” (Unto Us a Son is Born) .....-arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Processional Hymn 234 ..... “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*Greeting

Leap for joy! Christ is coming!

**Christ comes into our lives!**

Rejoice and praise! God’s promises reign!

**Christ comes into our lives!**

Sing songs of old! Proclaim ancient truths!

**Christ comes into our lives!**

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle ..... *Jeff & Ellen DeLong*

SONG: **A candle is burning, a candle of love, a candle to point us to heaven above,  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

*(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 ..... Micah 5:2-5 (Pew Bible, Page 756)
- A Responsorial Magnificat (Insert)..... Luke 1:46-55
- Epistle Reading ..... Hebrews 10:5-10 (Pew Bible, Page 976)
- Musical Offering: “Noel, Let Us Sing Noel” ..... -arr. *Lou Williams-Wimberly*
- \*Gospel Reading ..... Luke 1:29-45 (Pew Bible, Page 831)
- Sermon ..... Pastor Steve

*Response to the Word*

- \*Hymn 218 ..... “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
- Pastoral Prayers and Prayer of the People
- Prayer (Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)
- Offertory: “Angels and Shepherds” ..... -arr. *P.L. Harris*
- 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 ..... Page. 881

*Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

**Magnificent God,  
 look upon us with your loving favor.  
 Shine upon us with the light of your wisdom.  
 Strengthen us in our weakness, that we may know the power of your love.  
 Scatter us in our pride, that we may learn the humility of servanthood.  
 Forgive us when we weaken others, and forget your place in our lives.  
 Lift us up when we are disheartened, and nourish us with your abundant grace.  
 Help us, O Promised One of Israel, to be your people and to serve your world.  
 Help us live as Advent people: hopefully expectant, and patiently diligent,  
 that we may bring your realm to this earth. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (Luke 1)

O magnify the Lord! Rejoice in God, our Savior!  
 For God looks with favor on our lowliness,  
 lifts us from the depths of sin and despair,  
 and restores us to fullness of life in Christ Jesus.  
**Arise, take heart, all are forgiven now!**

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 17

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 246 .....”Joy to the World”

## Opportunities

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### Sunday (12/23)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Children's S.S.

10:45 a.m. Worship

Christmas Program

### Monday (12/24)

OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### Tuesday (12/25)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Wednesday (12/26)

6:00 p.m. Women's NA

### Thursday (12/27)

7:00 p.m. NA

### Friday (12/28)

10:00 a.m. Co-Op

6:30 p.m. NA

7:00 p.m. Lego league

### Saturday (12/29)

10:00 a.m. Dual Recovery

6:00 p.m. N.A.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has contributed this Advent season and throughout the year. Everyone's collective work makes the mission of the church a success. We are so privileged here to have so many willing hearts to serve and we would like to take this moment at the end of the year to thank you for your service to this church and to the Lord. **TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.**



## 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.

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### -Serving Today-

**Greeters:** Kay Linnane, Sandra Clemmer **Reader:** Eric Stumb

**Communion:** Luz DeTablan & Caroline Jones; Ed & Carolyn Smith

### -Ushers-

Jim Printy, Jack True, Tom Davis, Judd Bankert, Ed Smith, Joe Hill,  
Mike Melton, Jim Linnane

### -Food Pantry Requests-

canned meats, jelly, cereal, ramen noodles, chili, laundry detergent, dish detergent