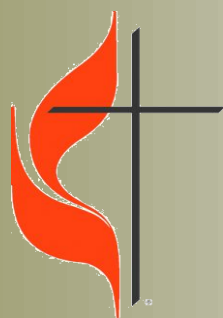


Sending Forth

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: “Joy, Joy, Joy” -Bill Cain



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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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 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



**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9, 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: Partita on “People Look East” -Joseph Bertolozzi

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

Processional Hymn 211 v.4-7..... “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Greeting

Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Christ comes like a refiner’s fire,
burning away the impurities within.**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Christ comes like fullers’ soap,
cleansing our sin and purifying our hearts.**

Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Christ comes like a master gardener,
bearing a harvest of righteousness.**

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle The Hill-Gutshall Family

SONG: **A Candle is burning, a candle of peace, a candle to signal that conflict must
cease; for Jesus is coming to show us the way; a message of peace humbly
laid in the hay.**

(Melody of Away in a Manger)

*Opening Prayer

*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 Malachi 3: 1-4 (Pew Bible, Page 778)
- Psalter 208 Luke 1:68-79
- Epistle Reading Philippians 1:3-11 (Pew Bible, Page 953)
- Musical Offering: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” -arr. Gregory Pysh
-Central Ringers
- *Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible, Page 834)
- Sermon Pastor Steve

Response to the Word

- *Hymn Insert “Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night”
- Pastoral Prayers and Prayer of the People
- Prayer (Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)
- Offertory: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” --arr. Kevin J. Sadowski
- 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

**Merciful God,
how quick we are to recognize our neighbors’ need to amend their ways;
how easily we spot the speck in their eye,
ignoring the log in our own. Come to us like a refiner’s fire and fullers’ soap,
that we may be purified in body and soul.
Polish us like fine gold and silver, that our ways may be pleasing to you,
full of compassion and love for all we meet. 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 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 384”Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Benediction

God meets us in the wilderness of our lives, preparing our hearts to meet the Lord.
Christ guides our feet in the ways of life.
God fills the valleys of our hearts and brings low the mountains of our pride.
Christ guides our feet in the ways of love.
God makes straight the paths of our feet and smoothes out the rough edges of our souls.
Christ guides our feet in the ways of peace.
Go and prepare the way of the Lord.

Opportunities

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Sunday (12/09)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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10:45 a.m. Worship

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Monday (12/10)

9:30 a.m. Staff Mtg.

5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers

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Tuesday (12/11)

9:00 a.m. Child's Play

10:30 a.m. Circles

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5:30 p.m. NAMI Board

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6:00 p.m. NAMI Family

6:30 p.m. Circles

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Wednesday (12/12)

10:00 a.m. Food Pantry

6:00 p.m. Women's NA

7:00 p.m. Bells

Thursday (12/13)

9:00 a.m. Child's Play

6:00 p.m. Together on Thurs.

7:00 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. NA

Friday (12/14)

10:00 a.m. Co-Op

6:30 p.m. NA

7:00 p.m. Lego league

Saturday (12/15)

10:00 a.m. Dual Recovery

6:00 p.m. N.A.

Decorate Our Christmas Tree

We're putting 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.

-Our Stewardship-

DECEMBER 2, 2012

Attendance: 78

Income received toward expenses:

\$7,621.59

Food Pantry: \$145.00 Fellowship: \$60.00

Banner Fund: \$10.00 Organ Fund: \$5.00

Christmas Offering: \$100.00

Thanks for the Support!

Thanks to everyone who helped ring bells for the Salvation Army, and to all who gave financial support. We were able to collect \$416.96 during our bell ringing from 9:00am until 7:00pm on Dec 1st. Although we wish we had collected more, the money we raised is greatly appreciated and will be well used by the Salvation Army.

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: Luz De Tablan & Ben True **Reader:** Kay Linnane

Communion: Anita Jackson; Bobbie Rosson; Joe & Lynn Hill

-Ushers-

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

-Food Pantry Requests-

canned chicken, spam, vienna sausages, jelly, cereal, instant oatmeal (small packs)
ramen noodles, chili, laundry detergent, snacks, cookies etc...