

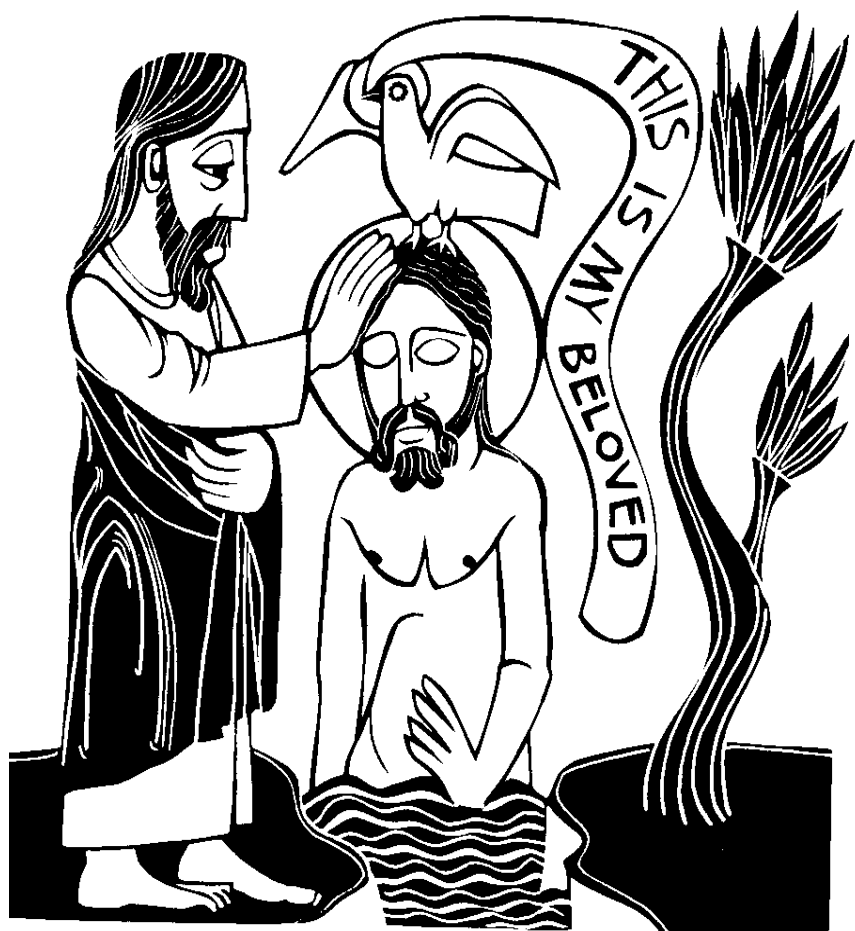
# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**10:30 am**

\* Please stand as able

## GATHERING

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Prelude

### ***Deep River***

*Traditional Spiritual  
Arr by Calvin Taylor  
Millete Silverio*

Welcome &  
Announcements

*Pastor David Haley*

\*Call to Worship

*Jeanne Parker, Leader*

On that first day, when time began:

**you gave birth to creation; light  
danced through the darkness; the  
waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

On that first day at the Jordan, when  
redemption began:

**you spoke of life for all your children,  
as your Child stepped into the waters  
of forgiveness, dancing in hope with  
his cousin, John.**

On this first Sunday of the year, when we begin  
anew:

**you call us to faithfulness, as we  
open our hearts to you, your  
voice claiming us as your own.**

\*Hymn 604

### ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

Opening Prayer

**God of grace and glory, you call us with your  
voice of flame to be your people, faithful and  
courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his  
mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with  
the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming  
work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus  
Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

Children's Moment

*Rev. Sylvia Pleas*

## WORD

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Old Testament

**Genesis 1: 1 - 5**

*Jeanne Parker, Reader*

Psalm

**Psalm 29**

*The Grail Version*

Anthem

**Sweet Rivers of Mercy**

*Words & Music by Sheldon Curry  
The Chancel Choir*

\*Gospel

**Mark 1: 4 - 11**

\*Hymn

**Down to the River to Pray**

Message

**Milestones:**

**Beginnings and Endings**

*Pastor Haley*

The Reaffirmation of our Baptism

The Prayers

Offering

**Ave Maria**

*Bach-Gounod  
Ann Yu, violin,  
Jin Yu, piano*

## TABLE

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\*The Peace

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup

*(please go forward to receive  
the bread and dip it into the cup)*

Prayer After Communion

## SENDING FORTH

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\*Hymn 2051

**I Was There to Hear  
Your Borne Cry**

\*Dismissal & Blessing

\*Postlude

**I've Got Peace Like a River**  
*Traditional Spiritual*

# CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives*

## WELCOME

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If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you and are honored you have come to begin a New Year with us. Here's some helpful things to know . . .

- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- At the time of the **OFFERING**, we realize not every one carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to [www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html)
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you do not have to be United Methodist or a member of our congregation to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to receive the bread and the cup while seated.

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Today - on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the **EPIPHANY** - we celebrate the next major event in Jesus' life: his baptism in the River Jordan. With the celebration and remembrance of Jesus' baptism, we reaffirm our own baptism. After worship, join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for our Epiphany/New Year's **POTLUCK**.

## JIN AND ANN YU

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We welcome to the service today Joy Hoffman's brother, **JIN YU**, and Joy's niece, **ANN YU**, a senior student of the Cleveland Institute of Music. Their music is presented in celebration of Paul's Hoffman's birthday.

## ALTAR

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Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **PERCY** and **SIMLA CORPUZ** in celebration of their 36th wedding anniversary. Please take your poinsettia home today. If you can deliver a poinsettia to a shut-in, please see Pam Castaneda or Donna Campell.

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## MELCHOR VILLAMAYOR

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We were shocked and saddened to receive news this week of the death of **MELCHOR VILLAMAYOR**, 82, who passed away December 31st. The wake and service were held yesterday at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero, Chicago. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Eufrocina, and to Jonathan, Racquel and Janine.

## 2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

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The **2018 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted on the Bulletin Board by the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Please choose dates when you would like to provide flowers for the altar during 2018. Thank you for your faithful provision of altar flowers, keeping the altar beautiful week-by-week!

## PLEDGE CARDS & ENVELOPES

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Thank you for your giving throughout 2017, and into the new year of 2018. Financial envelopes for 2018 are available today for pick up in the narthex. If you do not have an envelope in your name please contact Doris Bloom (847-673-1311).

## FOOD PANTRY

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Thanks to everyone who brought food donations today for the **NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY**. Items may be left in the vestibule by the shopping cart.

## UPPER ROOM

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The January/February edition of the daily devotional booklet, **THE UPPER ROOM**, is available in the literature rack in the Narthex.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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January 8 - Patti Downes  
January 10 - Dawn Williams  
January 12 - Judy Reuter, Russ Reuter  
Johnien Reyer Cabanayan

*To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or [central\\_church@skokiecentralumc.org](mailto:central_church@skokiecentralumc.org).*

## CALENDAR

**Today, Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Baptism of the Lord**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Potluck to follow

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

6 pm - Chimes for Christ

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

7 pm - Choir Practice

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School  
& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,  
contact the church office*

***Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted***

***Living & Extended Care:***

Edith Bass

Carmen Ewing

Brian Gut

Steve Winker

***At Home:***

Nancy Blaylock

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odlivak

Eden Soco

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

## LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**

Today's Reader.....**Jeanne Parker**

Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**

Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**

Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**

Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**

Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**

Fellowship.....**Epiphany Potluck**

Ministers.....**The People of the Congregation**

## MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today and forever***