

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 3rd, 2017
The 1st Sunday of Advent
Food Pantry Sunday
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Prayer

John Leavitt

Millete Silverio

Welcome &
Announcements

Pastor David Haley

*Call to Worship

Mark Barron, Leader

Now, in this holy season of Advent, we wait.

For the faithful God is coming to us.

Now, in this season of waiting, we listen.

**For the faithful Word speaks
good news to us.**

Now, in the waiting and listening, we watch.

**For the faithful Spirit is
moving among us.**

(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymnal 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(v 1,2,6,7)

Opening Prayer

**Creator of the world, you are the potter, we
are the clay, and you form us in your image. In this
holy season of Advent, shape our spirits by Christ's
transforming power, that as one people we may live
out your compassion and justice, whole and sound
in the realm of your peace. Amen.**

Children's Moment

Rev. Sylvia Pleas

WORD

First Reading	<i>Isaiah 64: 1 - 9</i> <i>Mark Barron, Reader</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19</i> <i>The Grail Version</i>
Anthem	<i>The Yearning</i> <i>Words by Susan Bentall Boersma</i> <i>Music by Craig Courtney</i> <i>The Chancel Choir</i>
*Gospel	<i>Mark 13: 24 - 37</i>
*Hymn	<i>Shine on Us</i> <i>Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith</i>
The Message	<i>Watching, Waiting, Hoping</i> <i>Pastor Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	<i>Emmanuel Comes</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</i> <i>Millete Silverio</i>

TABLE

*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(Please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 706	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Postlude	<i>Fantasy on Hyfrydol</i> <i>Rowland H. Prichard</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Thallander</i> <i>Millete Silverio</i>

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WELCOME!

If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you!

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
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; everyone of every age who accepts Christ's invitation to his table are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it in the cup.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **MAE WILLIAMS**, with many thanks to everyone who helped with Santa in the Cabin.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship will be Santa in the Cabin Leftovers.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Today is the last day to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!** The cost is \$9 per plant. Order forms are available from the ushers and in the narthex.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave time and energy to help with **SANTA IN THE CABIN** yesterday; we appreciate your help!

FOOD PANTRY

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

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STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Ferdinand Soco, Chair of Central's Staff-Parish Committee, invites you to consider a donation for Central Church Staff **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**. Checks may be put in the offering plate, marked "**Staff Gifts.**" Thank you for these expressions of appreciation!

ORNAMENTS OF JOY

ORNAMENTS OF JOY is a giving program, where you take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the narthex and then purchase those items, which will be given to a needy family. **Please attach your ornament when returning the gifts. All items should be returned by next Sunday, December 10th. (Please do not wrap the gifts).** See a member of the Mission Committee - Jo Ann Faber, Lisa Jacob, Barb Smith or Kathy Tiffin with any questions.

CHRISTMAS CARD SIGNING: SHUT-INS & INMATE PEN PALS

2017 **CHRISTMAS CARDS** - to be sent to Central's **SHUT-INS**, are available for signing today in Fellowship Hall. Also, please sign Christmas cards to **PRISON INMATES**, whose names and addresses have been provided by Christian Pen Pal Ministry (ccpministry.com). You can make a huge difference in the life of someone incarcerated by writing to Christian inmates around the country, who are awaiting a letter from a pen pal. Please see Jo Ann Faber, Kathy Shine, Gerhard Mels, or Cindy Barron if you would like to become a pen pal.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

LADIES' NIGHT OUT will be this **Friday, December 8th at 5:30 pm** in the Log Cabin. Dinner will be ordered in - no cooking involved - but desserts would be welcome. We will be watching a movie after dinner. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend - 847-673-1311 or centralchurch@skokiecentralumc.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 8 - Mark Barron

(To add a name to the birthday list, contact the church office at (847) 673-1311 or central_church@skokiecentralumc.org.)

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3rd

The 1st Sunday of Advent

The Day after Santa in the Cabin

Food Pantry Sunday

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School &
Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

Tuesday, December 5th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ

Wednesday, December 6th

7 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 7th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Friday, December 8th

5:30 pm - Ladies' Night Out

Sunday, December 10th

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Maya Dass

Lola Hessing

Wilma Odlivak

Harriet Tiahnybik

Eutopio Zamora

OLEADERS

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

Today's Reader.....**Mark Barron**

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

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

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

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

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

Fellowship.....**Santa's Leftovers**

Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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