

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 10th, 2017
The 2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude ***Comfort, Comfort, Now My People***
Lois Bourgeois, arr. Larry Shackley
Millete Silverio

Welcome &
Announcements *Pastor David Haley*

*Call to Worship *Lisa Jacob, Leader*

Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:
**Peace is God's hope for us;
salvation is God's gift to us.**

See what the Lord our God reveals to us:
**righteousness is the path to the
kingdom; faithfulness is the
highway we build.**

Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:
**prepare God's way; the Christ
is coming to redeem us.**

(Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies)

*Hymnal 207 ***Prepare the Way of the Lord***

Opening Prayer

**God of hope, you call us from the exile of our
sin with the good news of restoration; you build a
highway through the wilderness; you come to us
and bring us home. Comfort us with the expecta-
tion of your saving power, made known to us in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Moment *Rev. Sylvia Pleas*

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

Lisa Jacob, Reader

Psalm

Psalm 85: 1 - 2, 8 - 13

The Grail Version

Anthem

Prepare Ye The Way

*Words & Music by Michael Barrett
& Martin Smith, arr. Michael Barrett*

The Chancel Choir

Michele Harbeck Haley, flute

Nick Werth, drums

*Gospel

Mark 1: 1 - 8

*Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, All My People

Words & Music by Robin Mann

The Message

**A Voice Crying in the
Wilderness**

Pastor Haley

The Prayers

Offering

Lo, How a Rose is Growing

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

Michele Harbeck Haley, organ

TABLE

*The Peace

Great Thanksgiving

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup (*seated*)

Prayer After Communion

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 210

**All the Earth is Waiting
(Toda la Tierra)**

*Dismissal & Blessing

*Postlude

People Look East

French Melody

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

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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 receive the bread and the cup while seated.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by **BERNICE HERWALD** in loving memory of her husband, **RAYMOND**. Also, please note that the **2018 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR** will go up next week; please start thinking about what dates you would like to provide flowers for the altar in the year to come.

AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a time of food and conversation. Today's Fellowship is hosted by **CINDY BARRON** in celebration of **MARK'S** birthday.

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!

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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 today 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 (cppministry.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. You may use your first name and Central's return address. Please see Jo Ann Faber, Kathy Shine, Gerhard Mels, or Cindy Barron if you would like to become a pen pal.

MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

The next **MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, December 16th at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be pizza, green salad and dessert. The movie will be **"I Am Not Your Negro."** Please contact Gerhard Mels if you plan to attend at gerhardmels@sbcglobal.net or 224-766-6738.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 17- Chris Konior

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

CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, December 12th

6 pm - Chimes for Christ

Wednesday, December 13th

12:30 pm - Canasta
7 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, December 14th

7 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, December 16th

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

Sunday, December 17th

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

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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
Pam Castaneda
Lola Hessing
Wilma Odlivak
Harriet Tiahnybik
Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....**David L. Haley**
Today's Reader.....**Lisa Jacob**
Choir Director/Accompanist.....**Millete Silverio**
Song Leader.....**Julianne Arvizu**
Office Staff.....**Doris Bloom & Pam Castaneda**
Nursery Attendant.....**Ellen Mittman**
Lay Leader.....**Cynthia Barron**
Fellowship.....**Cynthia Barron**
Ministers**The People of the Congregation**

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message: Christ Lives Today!

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