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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 16, 2018 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING FAITH,  
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

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# Welcome to Central

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**We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!** Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to the person seated next to you.

**Have a prayer request? Interested in getting more involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information?**

Please use a Community Connection card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

**Worshipping with young children?** Worship is for all ages, but should your child become restless, there is child-care for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship books with Bible stories, crayons, and pencils are available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units are available.** Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

**Assisting in worship today:**

*Liturgist:* Connie Boesen

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Advent candle:* Todd & Sue Mattison

*Audio:* Dennis Moore

*Hosts:* John Fisher, Ray Getting, Kathy Haines, Lynn Mankins

*Driver:* Joanne Locke

**Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship.** Be sure to silence all cell phones.

**Please join us for Fellowship Time:**

11:15 AM, in the East Parlor.

Hosts: Roger Dahl, Mary Booth, Shirley Bubar & Ruth Schanke, Lay Ministry Committee.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Robert M. Speed

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Robert A. Hobby

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

High on the mountains, someone is shouting—

**God is coming!**

Justice is marching, peace is following—

**God is coming!**

Help is near, shout for glory—

**God is coming!**

### ◆ HYMN 96

WINCHESTER NEW

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Out of the embrace of mercy and righteousness,  
you have brought forth joy and dignity for your people,  
O Holy One of Israel.

Remember now your ancient promise.

Make straight the paths that lead to you,  
and smooth the rough ways,

that in our day we might bring forth your compassion  
for all humanity. Amen.

### CANTICLE 90

WAIT FOR THE LORD

*Wait for the Lord*

The canticle will be sung twice.

### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

## **GREETING**

From the One who was, who is, and who is to come:  
Grace and peace be with you all.  
And also with you.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

# **BAPTISM**

## **INTRODUCTION**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

Palmer Michael Wynia

## **◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

## **BAPTISM**

**HYMN 492**

*You Belong to Christ*

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

**WORD****OLD TESTAMENT READING**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Zephaniah 3:14–20  
*OT, p. 830*

**ANTHEM**

*I Wonder as I Wander*

Chancel Choir  
arr. John Rutter

**GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Luke 3:1–18  
*NT, p. 52*

**SERMON**

*Highway Maintenance*

Wallace W. Bubar

**♦ HYMN 106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

**RESPONSE****ANNOUNCEMENTS****LIVING OUR FAITH**

Connie Boesen, Advent Offering

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

O giver of hope:  
Hear our prayer.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## **OFFERTORY**

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

Raymond H. Haan

## ◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## ◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **SENDING**

## ◆ **HYMN 87**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

## ◆ **BENEDICTION**

## ◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Jonathan Reuss

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**Worship Next Week: The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Sunday, December 23, 10:15 AM*

Scripture readings: Micah 5:2–5a, Luke 1:39–45



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# Upcoming Events

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## **Advent and Christmas at Central**

### **A Service of Lessons and Carols**

*Sunday, December 16, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary*

*Prelude begins at 3:30 PM*

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first celebrated at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve, 1918. The nine Scripture lessons are those traditionally used at the festival and move from the season of Advent into Christmastide with carols and hymns accompanying each lesson. A reception will follow in East Parlor.

### **Christmas Eve at Central**

*Monday, December 24*

*Family Service 5:00 PM:* A joyful candlelight service for children, youth, and their families, including an "instant Christmas pageant," with no lines to memorize and no rehearsals to attend. Just show up and join the fun! Childcare will be available in the Nursery.

*Traditional Service 7:00 PM:* A traditional candlelight service of Christmas music led by the Chancel Choir with a Christmas reflection by the pastor and communion. Childcare will be available in the Nursery.

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 112*

The group is using the *Horizons Bible study, God's Promise: I Am with You.*

### **LOGOS Wednesday Programs for Children & Youth**

*December 19 Tween/Middle School Christmas Party, 6:00 PM*

Home of Greg Halterman, Food/Games/White Elephant Gifts

*LOGOS Break – No LOGOS December 26 or January 2*



For more information or to volunteer, contact Christian Education Director Greg Halterman, at [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658. LOGOS resumes on January 9.

## **Sunday School**

*No Sunday School on December 23 & 30 – will resume January 6.* Advent starts a new year in the church cycle of Bible readings for kids and adults. While many stories over the next year will come from the Gospel of Luke, for the Sundays of Advent, the children will hear from Paul and some Old Testament Prophets. Even though some of these are not commonly associated with Advent, they all have a prophetic voice that calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

## **Youth Ski Trip**

*Saturday-Sunday, January 19–20, Afton Alps, MN*

Middle school, senior high and parents are invited. Cost (\$180) includes two meals, lodging, transportation, lift tickets and ski rentals. Make reservations by contacting Christian Education Director, Greg Halterman, at 515-279-3658 or [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org).

## **Women at the Well**

*Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:30 PM*

Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville, Iowa. They worship on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Sacred Place Chapel. The World & Community Concerns Committee has organized an opportunity for Central members to visit the prison, attend a worship service, and learn more about this ministry. We are limited to 10 guests (women or men), who must be 18 years old and must complete an application in advance. For more information on the ministry, see [www.womenatthewellumc.org/](http://www.womenatthewellumc.org/). If you would like to attend this special service, please contact Laura Bandstra at 515-480-2902 or [ljamesband@msn.com](mailto:ljamesband@msn.com) by December 23.



# 170 YEARS

*Honoring the Past,  
Serving the Present*

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Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

**Received: \$475,671**

Participation (households)

Goal: 170

**Received: 136**

New pledges

Goal: 14

**Received: 7**

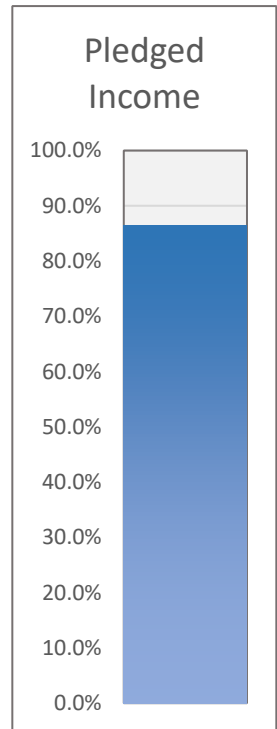
\$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

**Received: 56**

*As of Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

*Pledge cards are available in the Narthex,  
East Parlor, 39<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby or Office.*



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# This Week at Central

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## **Sunday, December 16**

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee (Room 112)
- 2:30 PM Lessons & Carols Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 PM Prelude Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Festival of Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary)

## **Monday, December 17**

- 5:30 PM Session (Room 202)

## **Wednesday, December 19**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 6:00 PM LOGOS Middle School Christmas Party  
at Halterman/Vargas home
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

## **Thursday, December 20**

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)

## **Friday, December 21**

- 12 Noon Church Office Closed

## **Saturday, December 22**

- 11:00 AM Funeral Service: James Edwards

## **Sunday, December 23**

- 9:00 AM Morgen Bells
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)

## **Monday, December 24**

- 12 Noon Church Office Closed
- 5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

The church office will close at 12 Noon on December 24 and be closed Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25 & 26, 2018.

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## Church Staff

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## Mission Statement

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We strive to be a Christian congregation dedicated to a strong tradition of worship, committed to spiritual inquiry and growth, caring for one another and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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