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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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December 30, 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 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 childcare for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery, from 10:00 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:* Ruth Schanke

*Audio:* Dennis Moore

*Hosts:* Mary Jean Paschen,  
Laura Payne, Mark & Barb Schmidt

*Driver:* Barb Schmidt

**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. Host: Carl Selden, Human Resources Committee.

If you donated to the Christmas flower fund, please take a poinsettia home with you after the service.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Lowly in a Manger*

Alice Jordan

*Angels from the Realm of Glory*

Robert A. Hobby

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Human, and yet God.

Infinite, and yet finite.

The wedding of the temporal and the eternal.

**We stand on the borders of mystery.**

**We find ourselves at the edge of transcendence.**

We, too, are made of clay, yet shaped in the divine image.

Our lives woven into the fabric of human history,

but also servants of the kingdom of heaven.

**God has become one with us,**

**that we might become one with God.**

### ◆ HYMN 143

REGENT SQUARE

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

your favor rested on Jesus of Nazareth,

and your love is poured out for all humankind.

Inspire us here to ask questions,

to pursue understanding,

and to share our faith.

May we grow in wisdom,

respond to your blessing,

and reach out to minister to and with all your children,

our brothers and sisters.

Send the peace of Christ to rule among us,

uniting our hearts in thankfulness and praise.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

## CANTICLE 113

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*

## 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

# WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
*OT, p. 228*

## ANTHEM

*Song Without Words*

Carol Hudson Biel, piano & Tom Hudson, cello  
Felix Mendelssohn

## GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:41-52  
*NT, p. 51*

## SERMON

*The Wonder Years*

Wallace W. Bubar

## ♦ HYMN 145

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

# RESPONSE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIVING OUR FAITH

Barbara Schmidt, Souper Supper

## **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**

*Folk Song*

Sue Hudson, piano & Tom Hudson, cello  
Robert Schumann

## ◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDDTH

## ◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# **SENDING**

## ◆ **HYMN 136**

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

## ◆ **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Tidings of Joy*

Alice Jordan

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## **Worship Next Week: The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Sunday, January 6, 10:15 AM*

Scripture readings: Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Communion will be served

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# Upcoming Events

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## **Souper Supper/Program**

*Sunday, January 6, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall*

Sponsored by the World & Community Concerns Committee, Central's Souper Supper welcomes our friends from the Corinthian Baptist Church of Des Moines as we get to know other communities of faith and build relationships with them.

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 112*

Resumes January 9, 2019

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

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

*Wednesdays*

No LOGOS on January 2, will resume on Wednesday, January 9  
For more information or to volunteer, contact Christian Education Director Greg Halterman at [ghalterman@dmcpc.org](mailto:ghalterman@dmcpc.org) or 515-279-3658.

## **Sunday School**

*Sundays, 9:00 AM*

Resumes Sunday, January 6

## **Youth Ski Trip**

*Saturday-Sunday, January 19–20, Afton Alps, Minn.*

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).

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# This Week at Central

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## Sunday, December 30

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

## Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve

12 Noon Church Office Closes

## Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

## Friday, January 3

12 Noon Church Office Closes

## Sunday, January 6

9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

5:00 PM Souper Supper/Program (Fellowship Hall)



**170 YEARS**  
*Honoring the Past,  
Serving the Present*

### Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

Received: \$485,723

### Participation (households)

Goal: 170

Received: 142

### New pledges

Goal: 14

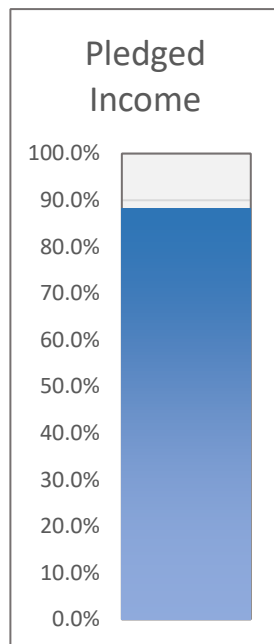
Received: 7

### \$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

Received: 60

*Totals as of Thursday, December 27, 2018*



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## Church Staff

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*Wedding Coordinator*

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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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