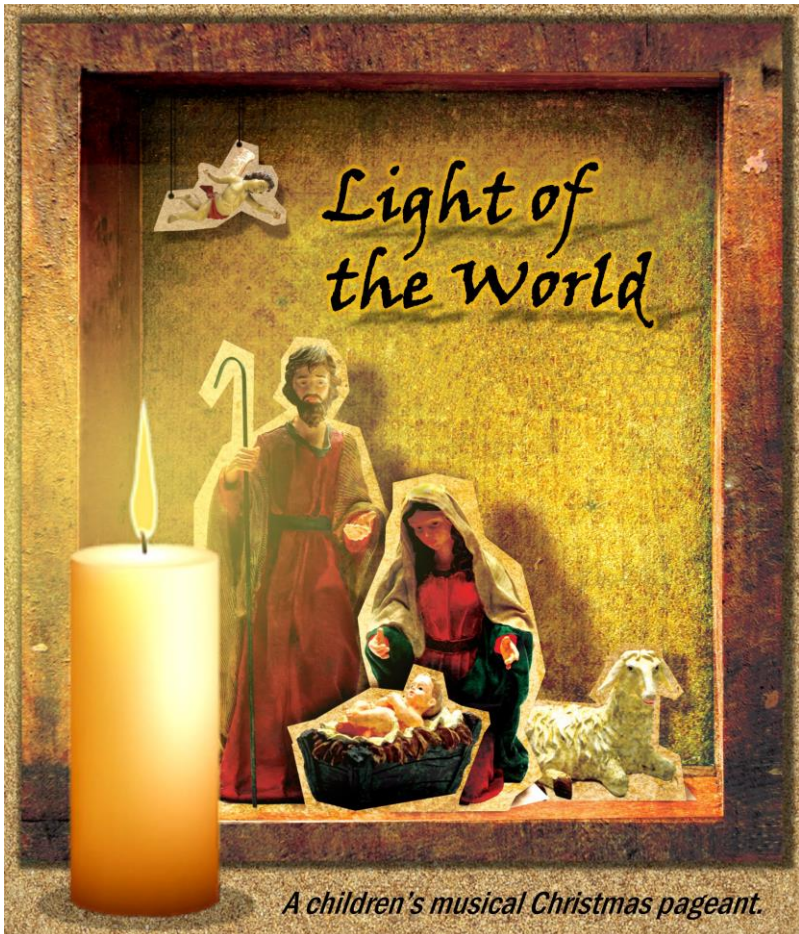


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# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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December 9, 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:**

*Liturgists & Advent Candle:*

Norah Egge, Lily Henderson,  
Cecile Lorenzen, Claire  
McNally, Ellen Stetson, Kallie  
Von der Linde

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Audio:* Marvin Minor, Val Smith,  
Paul Hohlfeld

*Hosts:* Mary Alice Baker, Scott  
Bandstra, Charlie Flippen,  
Karen Henderson, Kent  
Zimmerman

*Driver:* Barb Schmidt

*Deacons Flower Delivery:*  
Jennifer Stetson

**The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary** are given by Michael and Barbara Gartner in memory of their son, Christopher.

**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: Lisa Veach, Human Resources Committee.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*People, Look East*

Robert A. Hobby

*Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

Raymond H. Haan

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Norah Egge

A distant star glinting in the indigo sky—

**Come, Jesus, come.**

A blazing beacon lighting up the way—

**Come, Jesus, come.**

A radiant sun brightening a gloomy day—

**Come, Jesus, come.**

### ◆ HYMN 105

BESANÇON

*People, Look East*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ellen Stetson

Come, Light of life,

lighten the darkness in our lives

with your mighty word of love.

Lighten our hearts with the joy

of your promised coming.

Lighten our world with the hope

that faith in you still brings. Amen.

### CANTICLE 90

WAIT FOR THE LORD

*Wait for the Lord*

The canticle will be sung twice.

### LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Claire McNally, Kallie Von der Linde

## **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 PAGEANT: LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

## **PROLOGUE**

*Light of the World*  
*Jesus, Light of the World*

## **SCENE I**

*Will You Be Ready?*

## **SCENE 2**

*Silent Night (Stille Nacht)*

## **SCENE 3**

*He Is Born (Il Est Né)*

## **SCENE 4**

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

## **SCENE 5**

*From a Distant Home (De Tierra Lejana Venimos)*

## **SCENE 6**

*Take This Light*  
*Jesus, Light of the World (Reprise)*

Choir: Jesus, light of the world, hope and salvation for all the earth,  
Jesus, light of the world, from ev'ry nation we come to celebrate your birth.

Congregation and Choir:



Je - sus, light of the world, hope and sal - va - tion for  
all the earth, Je - sus, light of the world, from ev - 'ry  
na - tion we come to cel-e-brate your birth.  
Je - sus, light of the world, \_\_\_\_\_ we  
come to cel-e-brate \_\_\_\_\_ your birth. \_\_\_\_\_

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Words and Music by Mark Patterson

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## RESPONSE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIVING OUR FAITH

Connie Boesen & Gwen Brown  
Holiday Market

### 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.

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Lily Henderson

**OFFERTORY**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Robert A. Hobby

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Cecile Lorenzen

**SENDING**

◆ **HYMN 314**

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

◆ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Il Est Né*

Michael Joseph

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

*Sunday, December 9, 10:15 AM*

Scripture readings: Zephaniah 3:14–20, Luke 3:1–18

Baptism

***Light of the World***  
**by Mark Patterson**

Narrators/Chorus	Brooks Arnold, Lena Bubar, Harper Egge, Alex Gaskell, Grace Getting, Sam McCauley, Sydney McCauley, Avery Short
Candlelighter	Cullen Arnold
Angel	Sam LaPole
Boy Soloist	Jacob Gaskell
Chorus	William Arnold, Sophie Bubar, Polly Eubank, Lily Mead
Mary	Elizabeth Mead
Joseph	Max McCauley
Innkeeper	Noah Varghese
Shepherds	Harper Bacich, Lizzie Gaskell, Abigayle Reihmann
Wise People	Tucker Eubank, Harry Hubbell, Thurston Tripp
Star	Abigail LaPole, Isla Rademacher
Sound Technicians	Marvin Minor, Val Smith, Paul Hohlfeld
Director's Assistants	Courtney LaPole, Julie Cherry, Beth Triebel, Kristin & Mike McCauley, Suzanne & Jacob Arnold
Director	Greg Halterman
Accompanist	Miguel Vargas
Bells/Chimes/Percussion	Sue Hudson, Beth Triebel, Laurie Sloterdijk, Dan Tripp

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# Upcoming Events

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## **Advent and Christmas at Central**

### **December Adult Education Class: *Light in Dark Corners***

*Sunday, December 16, 9:00 AM, Room 201*

Christmas is a season of joy and celebration. Everywhere we turn, we meet cheerful greetings and happy faces. But sometimes Christmas only emphasizes our personal sadness or grief. These are times to admit our yearning for consolation. Sheryl Puderbaugh, Central's seminary intern, will lead our discussion about feelings of loss, depression, anxiety and other emotions that keep us from fully experiencing the joy of Christmas. We will discover Scriptures that bring hope and comfort to all, while sharing words of encouragement in order that we may find light in the midst of dark corners and experience the light, joy and hope of God.

### ***Blue Christmas Service***

*Sunday, December 9, 5:00 PM, Cowrie Chapel*

Come, join us in sharing scripture, prayers and music as we celebrate God's Christmas presence with us, even if we are mourning, struggling or experiencing sadness. We will celebrate the God, who came to earth as a baby in a stable, and will "bear our griefs and carry our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4-6). Everyone is welcome.

### **Donations for Poinsettias and Holiday Decorations**

Your contribution to the holiday decoration fund will help us purchase: outdoor planters, poinsettias (Dec. 16-30), fresh greenery and floral arrangements on the reredos (Dec. 16, 23 & 24) Order forms are available in the Narthex, 39th Street Lobby, and church office. Please complete and return with payment in the offering plate or to the office by Monday, December 10.

### **Christmas Caroling**

*Friday, December 14, 2018, 5:30 PM*

The Board of Deacons and the Worship Committee are bringing an old tradition of Christmas caroling back to Central! Meet at the



church to carpool. All ages are welcome to join in as we carol for our members who are homebound and in retirement homes. The evening will end with holiday treats and fun.

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

*Sunday, December 16, 2018, 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 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 and with a Christmas reflection by the pastor and communion. Childcare will be available in the Nursery.

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

*December 12 High School Christmas Party*

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

*December 19 Tween/Middle School School Christmas Party*

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.

## Sunday School

*Sundays, 9:00 AM*

Advent starts a new year in the church cycle of Bible readings for kids and adults. 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.

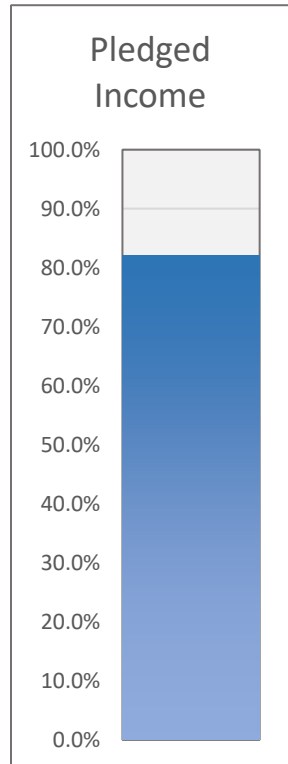
## Youth Ski Trip

*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.



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



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### Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

**Received: \$451,738**

### Participation (households)

Goal: 170

**Received: 126**

### New pledges

Goal: 14

**Received: 7**

### \$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

**Received: 52**

*As of Wednesday, December 5, 2018*

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

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# This Week at Central

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## **Sunday, December 9**

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM Blue Christmas Service (Cownie Chapel)

## **Monday, December 10**

- 6:00 PM Board of Deacons (Room 202)

## **Tuesday, December 11**

- 5:00 PM Power Read (Fellowship Hall)

## **Wednesday, December 12**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 6:00 PM LOGOS - High School Christmas Party  
(Halterman/Vargas Home)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery, (39th St Lobby)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

## **Thursday, December 13**

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)

## **Friday, December 14**

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes
- 5:30 PM Christmas Caroling (Meet at Central)

## **Sunday, December 16**

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

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**Kathy Haines**

*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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