
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

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 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: Susan Voss

Communion preparation: Ann

Beneke, Mary Jean Paschen

Communion servers: Ann Beneke, Beverly Evans, Bill Green, Ben Ullem

Audio: Marvin Minor

Hosts: Mary Alice Baker, Scott Bandstra, Ted Brown, John Fisher

Driver: Barb Schmidt

Deacons Flower Delivery:
Dennis Atherton

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: Shaunna Maxwell, Christian Education Committee.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
There's a Song in the Air

Michael Burkhardt
Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah and Sheba.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

♦ HYMN 147

THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Nowell

Verses 1–2: all

Verse 3: men

Verse 4: women

Verses 5–6: all

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Radiant Morning Star,
you are both guide and mystery.
Visit our rest with disturbing dreams,
and our journeys with strange companions.
Grace us with the hospitality
to open our hearts and homes
to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom
bearing profound and unusual gifts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Greg Halterman

WORD

EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 3:1–12
NT, p. 170

ANTHEM

Jazz Gloria

Chancel Choir
Natalie Sleeth

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 2:1–12
NT, pp. 1-2

SERMON

The Church of the Epiphany

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

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RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O giver of hope:
Hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Michael Burkhardt

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

EUCHARIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus 562

Franz Schubert

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of the elements. Then return to your pew by the side aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to serve those

who are unable to come forward. Gluten-free wafers are available in the Narthex.

HYMN 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

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The verses will be sung by the choir, and the refrain by the congregation.

PRAYER

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 150**

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Michael Burkhardt

Worship Next Week: The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 13, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: Isaiah 43:1–7, Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Upcoming Events

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.

Adult Education in January

A Christian Response to Incarceration and Reentry

Sundays in January, 9:00 AM, Room 201

The current statistics are astounding. The crime rate is now lower than it's been in 30 years, but our prisons are more overcrowded than ever. At mid-year 2005 more than half of all jail and prison inmates had a mental health problem, 70% are functionally illiterate, and roughly 35% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they committed their crimes. Many were also victims of homelessness, sexual assault or poverty. But when they complete their prison or jail time, what are their chances of success outside the walls? The January adult education series will reflect critically on this country's practice of incarceration and ask whether there are better ways to seek justice for offenders and offer support for their reentry.

January 6 Prison Nation, part 1

Is there a problem with incarceration?

January 13 Prison Nation, Part 2

What is our Christian response?

January 20 Women at the Well – one Christian response

9:00 AM Rev. Lee Roorda Schott discusses incarceration issues and Women at the Well ministry inside the Iowa women's prison

10:15 AM Rev. Lee Roorda Schott, preaching

11:30 AM Worshipful gathering in Fellowship Hall & refreshments

1:00-4:30 PM Join Women at the Well for an afternoon of additional learning around issues of justice and incarceration:

1. *Reentry Team Training*, led by Pastor Paul Witmer, Minister of Reentry and Congregational Care. This training will prepare participants to work as part of a team with women

coming out of prison, accompanying them during that first year.

2. *Welcoming Home: How the Church Makes Room for Those Affected by Incarceration*, led by Pastor Lee Roorda Schott. We'll consider how the church can become supportive community for those who themselves or in their families are dealing with incarceration. Will we make room for this kind of diversity? What will that call from us? How will it enrich us?

January 27 Restorative Justice: A second Christian Response

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00 AM

The children begin the year with a message from the prophet Jeremiah that God will always take care of them. From there they will witness Jesus' baptism in the Jordan which marks the beginning of his ministry of service. They will see Jesus turn water into wine then hear from the apostle Paul as he explains the many different gifts we all bring to make the church work. The outcome will be that we are all called in some way to serve the church and others.

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

LOGOS will resume on Wednesday, January 9.

The heart of the new LOGOS year is how much God loves children. Through the Old Testament stories of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses and a few others, the children will learn how God loves and cares for children from all different walks of life. Our new year will also include continued visits to the Calvin Community and other service projects. Kinship is still the cornerstone of our Wednesday nights and to get involved or learn more about it,

please consult Greg Halterman, Christian Education Director at ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

Grades K–4: 5:00–7:00 PM

Grades 5–7: 6:00–8:00 PM

Grades 8–12: 6:30–8:00 PM

January 9 Celebrating the new (LOGOS) year

January 16 Favorite Color Night

January 23 Guest Night

January 30 Pajama Night

High School – Winter 2019

There will be another page turned in our high school programming as we put THEM in charge of what they would like to do over the next 5 months. We will meet offsite for a planning retreat and then put our plan into action. We will continue our monthly Sunday gathering to cook, learn and laugh together. It will be a time of new experiences as we all grow closer in God's fellowship.

January 9 6:30–8:00 PM Planning Retreat at the McNally's

January 13 6:00–7:30 PM High School Sunday at Central

January 23 6:30–8:30 PM Mission Trip Planning at Central

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 ghalterman@dmcpc.org or 515-279-3658.

What Happened to Fourth Fridays?

It's time to start organizing again. Fourth Fridays is a terrific way to stay connected, re-connect or just have a fun night of good food and good discussion. Anyone can sign-up to host a fourth Friday at your home or at the Halterman/Vargas home. Christian Education Director Greg Halterman will provide the pizza and salad and the host provides the beverages and dessert. Fourth Fridays takes place year-round and

is available for anyone who wishes to participate. Sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0848a9aa22a2fc1-fourth.

Chili Chow Down & Potluck

Sunday, January 27, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Dust off the crock pot, prepare the family's secret chili recipe or bring your favorite dish!

Hawaiian or Texan, chicken or traditional – all chilis are welcome at Central's Chili Chow Down. If you are bringing chili, please contact Ted Brown, chili lineup coordinator at 515-577-3623. If you're not sharing chili, please bring corn bread, crackers, relish, salad or dessert for the potluck lunch.



170 YEARS
*Honoring the Past,
Serving the Present*

Pledged income

Goal: \$550,000

Received: \$498,623

Participation (households)

Goal: 170

Received: 146

New pledges

Goal: 14

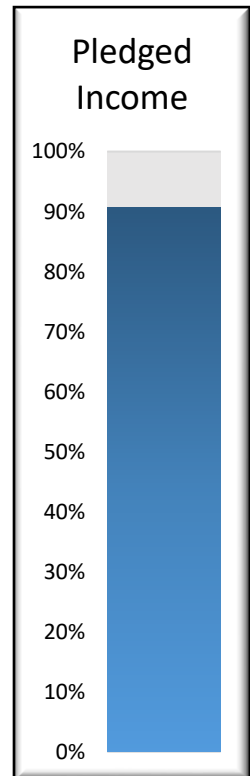
Received: 8

\$170 giving increase challenge

Goal: 156

Received: 62

Totals as of Thursday, January 3, 2019



This Week at Central

Sunday, January 6

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 5:00 PM Souper Supper (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, January 7

- 4:30 PM Worship Committee (Room 112)
- 7:00 PM Communications Committee (Room 112)

Tuesday, January 8

- 5:00 PM Power Read (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Creation Care Team (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (Room 112)

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- Wednesday LOGOS
 - Grades K–4: 5:00–7:00 PM
 - Grades 5–7: 6:00–8:00 PM
 - Grades 8–12: 6:30–8:00 PM
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 112)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (39th St Lobby)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, January 10

- 7:00 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 112)
- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns (Conference Room)

Friday, January 11

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes

Sunday, January 13

- 9:00 AM Education Hour
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee (Room 112)

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Mission Statement

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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