

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Classic Services

Chiming of the Hour

GreetingDr. Jan Davis

Opening VoluntaryLo, How a Rose E'er BloomingJohannes Brahms

* Call to Worship

Pastor: On this third Sunday of Advent,
the pink candle of the Advent wreath is lit.
We light this as a symbol of Christ our joy.

People: May the joy of Christ fill our worship service, and this
Advent time as we prepare for the way of the Lord.

All: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus. Come!

* Hymn 196Come, Thou Long-Expected JesusHYFRYDOL

* Affirmation of Faith 881 (The Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

* Gloria Patri 70MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Prepare the way of the Lord.
Let us go to God in prayer.

Congregational Prayer

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do
not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how
to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the courage of the
Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey
with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for
us. We ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Offertory AnthemWhat Child Is This?arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Jubilation Ringers

* Doxology 95OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn 218It Came upon the Midnight ClearCAROL

* Sermon TextZephaniah 3:14-20
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SermonThe PromiseSongs of JoyDr. Jan Davis

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn 238Angels We Have Heard on HighGLORIA

* Benediction

* Closing VoluntaryGood Christian Men RejoiceJ. S. Bach

Central UMC Pastors:
Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Greg Gibson
Rev. Emily Burch (College Pastor); Rev. Jody Farrell (Genesis Pastor)
Dr. Jack Wilson (Pastor Emeritus); Rev. Tony Holifield (Pastor Emeritus)

Director of Music & Fine Arts:
Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Director of Music & Organist:
Scott Montgomery

Sound/Video:
Andrea Lewis

Acolytes:
(8:30) Sarah Wesley Cooper & Lucy Hanes
(10:45) Evan Pitts & Evan Thomas

WORSHIP NOTES

We are glad that you are here to worship,
and we welcome our first-time guests!
We hope you will examine the numerous opportunities
to participate in the life of Central United Methodist Church.

There are worship bags for children available for today’s service.
Ask an usher if you would like one, and please return the bag after the service.

Members of Central’s Prayer Team are available after the worship service,
in Wesley 107, to pray for you or someone you love.

As we prepare for worship, please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

The asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

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Register now for Frode Gundersen and Scott Montgomery’s Tour to Belgium,
June 17-26, 2019! Scott and Frode will be presenting concerts in some of their
favorite cathedrals/venues in the magical cities of Bruges, Ghent, Antwerp, and
Brussels. This 10-day, all-inclusive, trip includes beautiful canal hotels, private tours,
and amazing restaurants. Trip brochures can be found in the main office.
THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 30.

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SERMON NOTES