

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

10:45 a.m. Classic Service

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting Dr. Jan Davis

Opening Voluntary *I Saw Three Ships* arr. Jay Rouse
Frode Gundersen, piano

* Call to Worship (Traditional Byzantine Christmas Prayer)

Pastor: Christ is born; give him glory!
**People: Christ has come down from heaven, receive him!
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!**
Pastor: O you earth, sing to the Lord!
People: O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

* **Hymn 251** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO, TELL IT

* 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 70** MEINEKE

**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

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
With that assurance, let us go to God in prayer.

Congregational Prayer

**O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a
great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may
see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love
to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Anthem *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arr. Linda McKechnie
(with *Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel)
Scott Montgomery, organ & Frode Gundersen, piano

* **Doxology 95** OLD 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 229** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

* **Sermon Text** Colossians 3:12-17
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon **ReNew
New Clothes** Dr. Jan Davis

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* **Hymn 157** *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

* Benediction

* **Closing Voluntary** *Noël Parisienne* Charles Quef
Scott Montgomery, organ

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

Acolyte:

ViVi Garton

WORSHIP NOTES

We are glad that you are here to worship,
and welcome our first-time guests!

We hope you will examine the numerous opportunities
to participate in the life of Central United Methodist Church.

The altar flowers are given in honor of Raymond and Marilyn Smith
in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary December 29, 2018.

The floral arrangement in the Narthex is given in loving memory
of Mary Rankin by her family.

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.

REGISTER FOR JUNE 2019 BELGIUM TRIP NOW!

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. **Please speak to Scott or Frode for more information and
a trip brochure today following the service.** During the week, you can find a trip
brochure in the main office. You can also go directly online to read about the trip and
register at: www.stcecilia.co.

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CENTRAL'S MUSIC ACADEMY BEGINS!

Central UMC's Music Department will be offering private voice, piano, and organ
lessons beginning in January. These lessons will be open to adults, youth, and those
children who have a strong grasp of reading and writing. Learn from professional
musicians and experienced teachers in a Christian environment. The Music Academy is
open to both members and nonmembers alike.

Instructors:

Frode Gundersen (piano & voice)
Scott Montgomery (piano & organ)
Dennese Adkins (voice)

Fees per lesson:

\$25/30-minute; \$32/45-minute; and \$40/60-minute

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