

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2011
10:30 p.m.

**Stand as able to praise God*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BEGINS AT 10:20 p.m.

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”, “In dulci jubilo” Paul Manz
“O Holy Night” arr. Whitworth

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The
Promise is fulfilled!

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.

Leader: Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.

Leader: Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invades midnight.
The Light of the World has come!

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
goodwill to all!**

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL** “O Come All Ye Faithful” #234

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER

**O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and magi, of
maiden and carpenter, of prophets and angels, and we too
come to Bethlehem for a blessing. We are filled with love
because you have taken on our humanity; we are filled with
hope because you have offered us your Spirit, your life and
your light. Our salvation has come into this holy time and we
say together, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth,
peace and goodwill to all. Amen.**

ANTHEM “O Holy Night” Adam/Raney
Cappella Ringers, Jeff Heald, Synthesizer

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 O.T. p.638

*CAROL “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” UMH #218

PSALTER Psalm 96 UMH #815

ANTHEM “Come to Us, O Promised One”
Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:1-20 N.T. p.58

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Masters in This Hall” Dan Edwards
Cappella Ringers

*DOXOLOGY “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” UMH # 240
(v. 1 & 3)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THIRD LESSON Titus 2:11-14 N.T. p.214

MESSAGE “And So It Begins” Rev. Mark Marino

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #15

ANTHEM “O Magnum Mysterium”
Chancel Choir

*SERVICE OF LIGHT
Please tip your unlighted candle to receive the light of Christ.

*CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night” (see insert)

*BENEDICTION

*CAROL “Joy to the World” (see insert)

*POSTLUDE “Joy to the World” Gordon Young

A portion of tonight's offering will be given to local flood relief.

**Volunteers are needed to deliver poinsettia plants
to shut-ins following this evening's service.
Names and addresses are available with each plant.
Plants should be delivered by December 30th.**

Liturgist:	Bruce Bishop
Greeters: North Door	Jeff & Cherie Heald
(inside) South Door	Melissa & Kevin Heald
Greeters: Education Wing Entrance	Phyllis Beech
(outside) Nanticoke	Sharon & Bill Carmine
Union	Maggie Hungerford



Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. - Informal Service
11:00 a.m. - Full Service
Child care provided



10:00 a.m. - Worship on December 26 & January 2

Central's Staff

PASTOR	Rev. Mark B. Marino
EDUCATION DIRECTOR	Erica Heier
CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Heather Worden
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Denise Johnson
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