

## 8.30am – Early Church

*Please (legibly) complete the friendship pad forms with all requested information, and leave the sheet on top of the pad in the pew. Please mask to your comfort level.*

### Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of the Birchall Family  
by Karen Birchall Avedisian

### Preparing for Worship with Music

#### Welcome

#### Lighting the Advent Candles

Sarah Reid & Nicole Derrick

#### Unison Prayer

*Holy Living Light of God, you are our Joyful Presence.  
Let this joy grow in our lives each day, so we can be a  
Present of Joy to others. Unwrap and open our hearts.  
May it be so. Amen.*

#### Sung Response

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise [One], I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give Him: I will give my heart.

UMH #211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Scripture *Luke 1:46-55*

Reflection on Scripture

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

Announcements

UMH 213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Departing with Music

## 11.00am – Onsite and Online

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### Altar Flowers

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### Preparing for Worship with Music

*Greensleeves arr. Purvis*

*Noel by D'Aquin*

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella arr. Uehlein*

#### Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candles (see 8.30)

Emma & David Brunson

UMH #211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#### Exchanging the Peace of Christ

#### Special Music

*An Advent Acclamation by Thornhill & Besancon,  
arr. Nordmeyer*

Scripture *Luke 1:46-55*

Reflection on Scripture

Introduction to Prayer

#### Special Music

*O Holy Night*, Emma Brunson

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Celebrating Answered Prayer

Jenn Rodzinka

Offering our Gifts to God's Purposes

Announcements

UMH #213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Blessing and Departing with Music

*Worship Leaders: Paul Reed, Maggie Wolford*

*Music: Sean Stafford, Chancel Choir, Roger Richards, Emma Brunson*

*Scripture Reader: Roger Richards*

*Many thanks to the Ushers and Tech Team for today*

## Connect and Serve this Week

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

8:30 WORSHIP (In person only)

9:30 Adult Faith Formation (Lounge and ZOOM)

11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

7:00 Blue Christmas Service (Onsite and Online)

Monday, December 18

8:00 WIC Clinic (Community Room)

5:00 Bell Ringing (Vestal Walmart)

5:30 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

5:45 Girl Scouts Troop 30224 (Youth Lounge)

7:30 Book Discussion (ZOOM)

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 Clothing Center

Wednesday, December 20

10:00 Soul Care (ZOOM)

12:00 Clothing Center

5:00 Christmas Event

7:30 AA

Thursday, December 21

4:30 Shepherd's Supper

6:30 Cappella Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)

7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, December 22

5:30 Girl Scouts Troop 60195 (Dining Room)

7:30 AA

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve

8:00 Worship Broadcast (Spectrum Channel 1301)

8:30 WORSHIP (In person only)

9:30 Adult Faith Formation (Lounge and ZOOM)

11:00 WORSHIP (Onsite and Online)

7:00 Christmas Eve Celebration and Candle Service (Onsite and Online)

11:30 Candlelight and Communion Service (Onsite)

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE  
FOR ZOOM INFORMATION (607) 754-6060**

## Looking Ahead –

### Central UMC in Action / Upcoming Weeks

If you don't receive the weekly email, the office has ZOOM info.

#### December Events:

**Dec 17, 7pm: Blue Christmas Service** Quiet worship for any who struggle with grief or the busy-ness of the season.

**Dec 24, 8.30 and 11am:** Celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent

**7pm:** Christmas Eve Celebration and Candle Service-also livestreamed on Central's YouTube Channel

**11.30pm:** Candlelight and Communion Service

#### Volunteers Needed - Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringing

Tomorrow evening (12/18) is the last opportunity of the year to ring the bell for an hour (or more) at the Vestal Walmart, between 5:00 and 9:00. Sign-up for as much as you can on the sheet in the Welcome Center.

#### Monday Book Discussion - 7.30pm each week

**Holy Disruption** by Tracy Daub Chapters 5-end

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88466303555>

Meeting ID: 884 6630 3555

Passcode: 051760

#### December's mini-mission project is Heifer International.

Catalogs and order forms for alternative giving are located in the Welcome Center, along with gift card inserts for your use!

**Hats and Gloves** for the U-E schools and the Clothing Center may be placed in the basket at the Nanticoke entrance Mission area.

**Come and Sing! Come and Ring-**Join in and make some music! **Bell Rehearsal** every Thursday at 6:30pm, and **Choir Rehearsal** at 7:30pm. No experience necessary!

**2024 Offering Envelopes** - please pick-up your offering envelopes in the sanctuary by the stage. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

If you wish to donate to international relief, consider UMCOR. Because of connectional giving, 100% of monies donated in a crisis go to relief and rebuilding efforts. Give online at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) or by check to Central with UMCOR in the memo

## In Our Prayers This Week

### In Hospitals or Recovering at home:

Karen Frega

### Prayer Program: Specific Central families in our prayers:

If you know someone on this list who is absent today, why not get in touch this week and let them know we miss them!

Pray for persons that are not experiencing hope, peace, joy and love during this season. Strive to be the church and share God's love with others.

### Family and Friends with prayer needs this week:

Cyndi Tedeschi, Pam Russell, Richard Frederick, Frank Stevan Childs, Tony Luparello, John Carmine, Tyler & Maggie Wolford, Deanna Brinser, Chet Niziolek, Moises Zaylaya, LaVon Hausamann, Pearl Webb

To add prayer concerns (with that person's permission), contact Andy Tewksbury (607.785.5861) or the office (607.754.6060)

## Central United Methodist Church

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Previous Services are available on Central's YouTube channel  
[@CentralChurchEndicottNY](https://www.youtube.com/@CentralChurchEndicottNY)

# Central

United Methodist Church

**Celebrating 185 years of Serving God,  
Serving others, and Loving All**



## Welcome to Worship!

**December 17, 2023**

Central UMC is a fully inclusive church that seeks, embraces, educates, worships, and serves all in God's love.

We welcome all persons to this time of worship, and we pray that this time will be a blessing to you. If you wish to learn more about Central and its ministries, Welcome folders are available at each entrance/exit to the Sanctuary, and in our Welcome Center.

**Assistive Hearing Devices** which operate through the building, and **large-print bulletins, hymnals and bibles** are available by the Tech Booth in the sanctuary.

Our celebration of **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of each month is observed with gluten-free bread and grape juice.