



Fear
not

FOR, BEHOLD,

I bring you

GOOD TIDINGS

OF
GREAT

which shall be

to all

people

Special Thanks to Tonight's Worship Team

PASTOR.....Pastor Paul
Reed

LAY LEADER/PIANO..... Jeff
Heald

SOLOISTEmily
Travis

SOUND/VIDEOTV Ministry
Team

USHERSTom Hall, Keith
Wilcox

We hope tonight's service is a blessing, and that your hearts are readied for celebrating the birth of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship at Central every Sunday morning, in-person or through our livestream broadcast on YouTube.

On Christmas Eve, we offer the following worship opportunities:

7:00pm Candlelight Worship
(Livestream and in-person)

11:30pm Candlelight Worship and Communion
(In-person only)

Livestream services are available at this link:
www.youtube.com/c/CentralChurchEndicottNY/videos

Blue Christmas

December 17, 2023

Welcome to tonight's service.

It is a time to acknowledge both the concerns and joys in our lives, and to find hope in the coming of Jesus Christ - the light of the world.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP WITH MUSIC

- "Away in a Manger" Arr. J.
Rouse
- "Angels We Have Heard on High" Arr. J.
Rouse
- "My Soul Gives Glory to My God" M.
Winter

WELCOME

PRAYER

Merciful God, in this season of rejoicing, we come to you weary and grieving. In this season of feasting, we hunger for healing and relief. In this season of light, our hearts are veiled in sorrow and shadow. Will this season ever end? "Yes." We hear your "Yes." Those who are weary will find rest. Those who mourn will be comforted. Those who hunger

will be filled. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it. Amen.

HYMN #218

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5: 1-8

SOLO

"Glory in the Darkest Place" B. Born

MESSAGE

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

A TIME FOR HEALING

"Ave Maria" G. Caccini

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-12

SOLO

"O Holy Night" A. Adam

CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

HYMN #206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

BLESSING

DEPARTING WITH MUSIC

"On Christmas Day" M. Osgood