

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE

(12/15) 8:45 Service.....59 10:50am Service.....127

Operating Fund

Contributions 12/15 \$5,199.05

2019 Year-to-date

Contributions \$ 378,652.84

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 12/15 \$0.00

2019 Year-to-date

Contributions \$8,305.06

USHERS:

Clyde Kerns
Joe Patterson

GREETERS:

MaryWade Smith

Worship Leaders

Pastor, Bruce Gwyn

The Chancel Choir

Director of Music, Carlos Zamora

Organist/Accompanist, Doug Parker

Acolyte

Additional Church Staff

Director of Youth & Children's

Ministries, Gene Bragg

Hand Bell/Drama Director,

Teresa Williams

Administrative Assistant,

Candy Love

Central

United Methodist Church



To Live and Love as Christ

Special Upcoming Services
12/24/19 Candlelight Communion
Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm
(Childcare will be available ages birth-3 yrs.)

Pastor Bruce Gwyn
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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP
DECEMBER 22, 2019

GATHERING

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, have you heard? Do you see?
We have heard God's promises. We have seen God's love.
Children of God, what will you do?
We will walk in the light. We will look for God.
God is here, between and within us.
God is with us in the waiting.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, No. 230

O Little Town of Bethlehem..... ST. LOUIS

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, The Apostles' Creed, No. 881

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 arose 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.

*THE GLORIA PATRI, No. 71..... GREATOREX

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE TODD, STEPHANIE & JACK WILSON

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, No. 895

UNISON

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.

ANTHEM

This is Christ the King..... LARRY SHACKLEY

THE GIVING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY, No. 94..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 254

We Three KingsKINGS OF ORIENT

*We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON..... LUKE 2:1-7

Leader: *This is the word of God for the people of God.*
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON, *Our Christmas Story*..... BRUCE GWYN

*HYMN, No. 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing..... MENDELSSOHN

*THE BENEDICTION

*SENDING THE LIGHT..... THE ACOLYTE

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE, No. 159

Lift High the Cross..... CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.

*POSTLUDE

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*