

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a **Connect Card** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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Central

United Methodist Church

WATCH NIGHT



OUR SPIRIT WAITS WORSHIP SERIES

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 | 11:00 AM



✝ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
Congregational responses in **bold**.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE *We Three Kings* UMH 254

PSALM READING Psalm 148 UMH 861

MORNING 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.

✝ HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

OFFERING

✝ THE DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Sigrid Mottram

SPECIAL MUSIC

He is Born, the Holy Child
played by Nathan Clements

arr. David Lantz

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

SERMON

Rev. Mottram

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION *Joy to the World* UMH 246

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ POSTLUDE



Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Sigrid Mottram

Worship Leader: Nathan Clements

Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir;
Kristi Shupe, pianist