

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

SERMON

The NAMES of Christmas

Rev. Lancaster

✚ HYMN OF RESPONSE *Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come* UMH 246

✚ BENEDICTION

✚ POSTLUDE *Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child* arr. Bock

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

PREACHER: Rev. Lanny Lancaster | WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Sigrid Mottram

MUSIC: Sung by Central Chancel Choir; Jamie Bryson, organist/director

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 up 5th grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

Hearing devices are available and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

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Central United Methodist Church



DECEMBER 25, 2022 | 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS DAY

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

PRELUDE *The First Noel* arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram
The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty and everlasting God, who by your only begotten Son has made us to be your new creation:

Grant that as we are bathed in the light of your incarnate Word,
what shines by faith in our minds may shine forth in our actions
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238

PSALM READING Psalm 98 UMH 818

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Lanny Lancaster

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**

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace of earth, good will to all.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to all."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to all."

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

OFFERING

✝ **THE DOXOLOGY**



✝ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM

Joy Has Dawned

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