

**CENTRAL CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**OPENING MUSIC**

**The First Noel**  
**Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**BLESSING AND PRE/K DISMISSAL**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYER**

**CONTINUING MUSIC**

**O Holy Night**

**CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

**Three Surprising Joys of Christmas**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

**Jesus, What a Wonderful Child**

**BLESSING**

***PRAYERS AT FRONT OF CHURCH***

***BIBLE STUDY IN WHITE ROOM***

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**AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP:** Join us in the gym after service!



**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

**MANY THANKS** to Matt LaMay, Chris Silvia, and Polo Cummings, for organizing an amazing Christmas Concert that reached out to the community ~ bringing in well over 100 adults and children; and to Jerome Dekie (emcee), musicians, and the AV team, for sharing their gifts and celebration of Jesus!



**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets at 7:00 pm.

**YOUTH GROUP** is on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Thank you so much, volunteer teachers and helpers. More helpers are needed for each age group (sign-up next to the gym). For more info, please speak with Jeanine (Children's Ministry) or Rayna (Youth Ministry), or contact the office at 631-421-3663 / centch@optonline.net

**KIDS CENTRAL** will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, from 4:30 to 6:00pm.

**WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume in January.

**HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION:** Nonperishable canned, boxed, or bagged food may be placed on the wooden chest in the hallway. Your donations are much appreciated.

**JAMAICA DONATIONS:** Thank you for your donations. If you would like to order Amazon or Walmart items\* and have them sent straight to Jamaica, please notify the office of your purchase so that Trevor Hines and his family know. The shipping address is 77 Vanzie Land, Falmouth PO Trelawny, Jamaica, West Indies.

\*Needed supplies include the following: Toothbrushes and toothpaste; diapers and baby formula; canned veg, beans, tuna; shelf-stable milk; rice and cereal; crackers; cooking oil; aspirin and band aids; batteries; matches. The office can be reached at 631-421-3663 / centch@optonline.net

**DEACONS FUND:** Please prayerfully donate to this ministry (write "Deacons" on the memo line). Your contributions have helped many in our community. Envelopes are in the pews, and a collection box is on the offering table.

**DEACON-ON-CALL:** If you have a spiritual, physical, or financial need, or know someone who does, please contact Susan Ambrosio, Deacon on Call for the weeks of Dec. 14 and 21, at 516-359-4737.

**TRUSTEES-ON-CALL** are Anthony Steo 934-233-7759, and Fran Bundt, 516-375-3450.

**ELDER-ON-CALL** for December is Suzanne Valerio, 631-368-5985.

Please leave the last four sanctuary rows empty for visitors and those with mobility needs. Thank you.



# CENTRAL FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

**“...For we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Romans 8:26**

## **Pray for Our Church**

- For our church family as we worship on Sunday mornings and follow God each day
- For our church ministries, programs, and events
- For our Pastor, staff, and church leaders (Session, Deacons, and Trustees) who are doing their best to keep the church running and helping our church family with needs
- For our church as we appeal the court decision with the PC(USA)

## **Pray for Our Nation and Our World**

- For our military men and women stationed at home and abroad: John & Bethany B., Kaitlin D., and Anasia H.
- For our government officials on all levels, as they are working hard for our country to get through violence, economic troubles, and natural disaster recovery – Jamaica and islands affected by Hurricane Melissa; the National Guardsmen’s families; for Hong Kong
- For Israel – for a lasting peace
- For Haiti – for the nation’s release and healing from gang violence, political turmoil, and food and fuel price hikes, all of which have been ravaging this country
- For Ukraine – for the safety of its people and for the wisdom of its leaders
- For our country and for all nations around the world recovering from civil unrest in addition to natural catastrophes

## **Ongoing Prayer for Individuals**

- **Who have various health concerns, including Central members and friends:**  
Annabelle A., Cleavon B., Evelyn B., Lisa B., Margaret B., Ken C., Lois C., Bob E., Vicki E., Diane G., Shannon G., Doral H., Frani H., Tina H., Kay J., Darin J., Pete M., Gladys P., Claude S., Jeanine S., Linda T., Evelyn T., Bill Z., Aileen, and the many friends and family members of our church family.
  - **Who are homebound or are in nursing homes, assisted living, and rehab facilities, including Central members:** Frani H.
  - **Who are mourning the loss of loved ones**
  - **Who are moving to or seeking new homes**
  - **Who are experiencing employment issues,** including those who had their work hours cut, were laid off, or are struggling in the workplace.
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