Order of Service
Central Church
November 29th, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
ADVENT READING	
OPENING MUSIC	**Give Thanks** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**
PASSING THE PEACE	
BLESSING AND PRE/K DISMISSAL	
THE APOSTLES' CREED	
PRAYER	
CONTINUING MUSIC	**On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand** **Emmanuel** **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
SCRIPTURE TEXT	**John 3:16**
TODAY'S MESSAGE	**See It Again for the First Time**
THE LORD'S PRAYER	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
OFFERING	**Doxology**
CLOSING MUSIC	**Joy to the World**
BLESSING	

PRAYERS AT FRONT OF CHURCH

Please keep the last three sanctuary rows cleared for visitors & those with mobility needs. Thank you.



Many thanks *to all the volunteers who helped with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and with putting up the Christmas tree!*

After-Church Fellowship: Join us in the gym for refreshments!

Tuesday Night Prayer begins on December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the White Room and on Zoom. More information is attached to this bulletin.

Sunday School Christmas Skit: The Sunday School students will perform Luke 2, the birth of Jesus, on December 20. Practices will be December 6 and 13 after service in the sanctuary. Please speak with Jeanine Stuyvesant or Kathy Elliott if you have questions. A flyer with details is attached.

WCC Christmas Gathering and Rededication will be on Tuesday, December 8th, at 11:00 a.m.

Kids Central meets Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. and is for children in kindergarten to 5th grade.

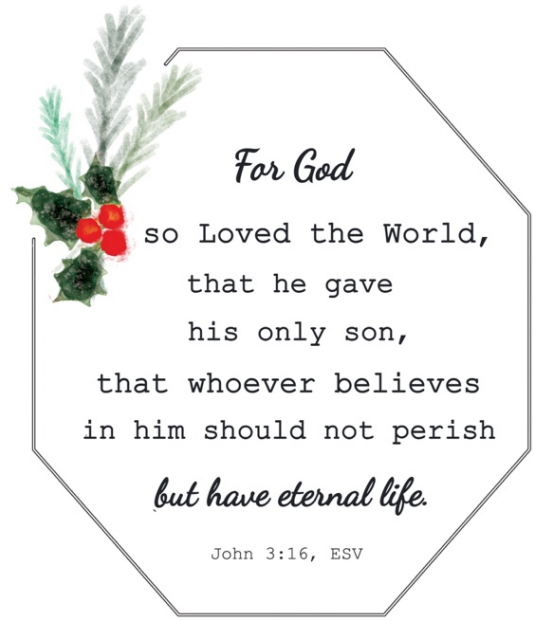
Helping Hand Rescue Mission: Nonperishable canned, boxed, or bagged food may be placed on the wooden chest in the hallway. Helping Hand also requests donations of new or gently used microwaves, blenders, strollers, and pots & pans. Thank you.

Deacons Fund: Please prayerfully consider a donation 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 Liz Stuyvesant, Deacon on Call for the week of November 29th, at 631-819-4862.

Trustees-On-Call: For facility questions, please contact Brad Kramer, 631-988-9997, or Fran Bundt, 516-375-3450, the Trustees on Call for December.

Elder-On-Call for December is Mike Schroeder, 860-839-3389.



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: 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
• 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 Iran – for safety and stability
• For Israel – for a lasting peace
• For Ukraine – for the safety of its people and 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., Claudia A., Cleavon B., Evelyn B., Fran B., Lisa B., Margaret B., Ken C., Bob E., Vicki E., Diane G., Joe G., Doral H., Frani H., Tina H., Darin J., Pete M., Terrish M., Vanessa M., Gladys P., Claude S., Jeanine S., Linda T., Shannon W., 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.

November 15, 2026

Dear Parents,

On Sunday, December 20th the Sunday School children and teens will be participating in the 10 am worship service. They will be acting out Luke 2, the birth of Jesus. We will be rehearsing immediately following worship on Sundays December 6 and 13. The rehearsals will be about 20 minutes long and will be held in the Sanctuary.

They will also be singing "Away in a Manger".

Please let Jeanine or Kathy Elliott know as soon as possible if your child(ren) are able to participate. We need as many as possible in order to successfully reenact this awesome display of God's love.

We also want to make sure we have costumes to fit the angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph.

Thank you for helping us with this undertaking.

Jeanine & Kathy




CENTRAL CHURCH
Prayer GROUP
"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."
MATTHEW 18:20
THE POWER OF PRAYING TOGETHER
When we pray as a church family, we encourage one another, seek God's direction, stand in faith for our families, church, community, and nation, and experience the power of His presence in a greater way.
New PRAYER GROUP
IN PERSON & ON ZOOM
Tuesday Nights
Starting December 1 at 7:00 PM
Children are welcome and encouraged!
Please contact the office for any further questions or information.
Centch@optonline.net