

Central  
and  
Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches



Mission Statement:  
**Connecting all people to God by building bridges of caring, outreach, and acceptance.**

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering  
January 1, 2023, at 10:30 am  
*Welcome to our worship celebration!*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Give the king your justice, O God,

**All: and your righteousness to the royal son!**

One: May he judge your people with righteousness,

**All: and your poor with justice!**

One: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in  
righteousness!

**All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to  
the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

One: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout  
all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that  
water the earth.**

One: In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon  
be no more.

**All: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends  
of the earth!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*We Three Kings*

UMH 254  
KINGS OF ORIENT

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

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Matthew 2: 1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Epiphany of our Lord

COMMUNION (Please See Insert)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UMH 95  
OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>2</sup>

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts  
to further your work in a dark world.  
May they bring your light  
to those who are overwhelmed  
by darkness, pain, and loneliness.  
Accept these gifts of money and time—  
the gifts of our very selves.  
May they shine for all to see  
and be brought into the sphere  
of your love and righteousness. Amen\*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God of Grace,

All: Hear our Prayer.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements – January 1, 2023

*Help is needed to take down the sanctuary Christmas decorations immediately following the January 8th service.*

Adult Bible Study, Sunday mornings at 9:30am led by Ray and Diane Bell will begin again January 8, 2023 ALL are welcome.

This Week

- Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> No Nursery/Sunday School

SAVE THE DATES

- Wednesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Choir rehearsal at 7PM
- Wednesday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Bell Choir rehearsal at 6PM
- Wednesday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Family Night @ 5:30PM

\*UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

\*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

Footnotes:

1. Call to Worship used with permission from the UMH 795 Psalm 72:1-7
2. Prayer of dedication adapted from Abingdon Worship Manual

Organist: Kara LaLonde

Liturgist: Marcia Jenkins-Ball

Admin. Assist: Robin Myers

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Greeters:

Pastor: Marty Johnston

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