



*Central and Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, November 12, 2023*

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

*With Pastor Marty Johnston*

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

November 12, 2023, 10:30 am

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\*Indicates please stand on your feet or in your heart.

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Greeters/Ushers: Norb Bennin/James Arfstrom/Tom Robinson

Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins

PRELUDE "Pastorale" Macklin

CHORAL INTROIT " He Has Made Me Glad" FWS #2270

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching: incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

**All: I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

One: things that we have heard and known, that our forebears have told us.

**All: We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might, and wonders God has wrought.**

\*OPENING HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" UMH 540  
ST. THOMAS

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*Youth are invited to attend Young Christian's Worship at this time downstairs.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:14-25

CHOIR ANTHEM As the Bridegroom To His Chosen -J. Rutter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

SERMON The Parable of the Bridesmaids

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Let us continue in our worship of God through the giving of gifts and offerings.*

## OFFERTORY

“Meditation”

Rasley

## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Holy God, with today's offering we choose to love again and to worship you alone in every aspect of our lives. Receive our gifts with gratitude and praise for your unending love. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

## 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

“Precious Name”

UMH 536  
PRECIOUS NAME

## BENEDICTION

*God be with you till we meet again, by his council guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again...*

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE The Lord Bless and Keep You

FWS # 2280

## POSTLUDE

“Last Uns Erfreuen”

arr. Widmar

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

\*1. Taken from the UMH 799- Psalm 78:1-4

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Ushers/Greeters: Norb Bennin/James Arfstrom/Tom Robinson

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

\*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

\*\*2. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual 2023

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Sherry Hutchins

Administrative Asst.: Abby Abrego

## **Announcements – November 12, 2023**

Come **sing with** the **choir** for **Advent**. Rehearsals begin this **Wed., 7 p.m.-8 p.m.** Sundays include Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24 (7 p.m. Christmas Eve service).

**Hanging of the Greens** is Sunday, **November 26, following** the **morning service**. Tree trimming, boughs hung, creche assembled and lights put up are a few of the jobs needed to be done to ready our sanctuary for the Advent season. Please consider lending a hand—we can find you a job—no age is too old or too young.

**Adults** are **needed** for a few **Nativity characters**. Please **contact** Family Ministry Coordinator, **Jenny Shelley**, if you're interested in participating in the special program.

### **Central Birthdays/Anniversaries**

Nov. 13 – John Proulx, Nov. 14 – Nicholas Bell

Nov. 16 – Pat and Norb Bennin (60<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### **Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries**

Nov. 16 – Bev and Jim (49<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ***This Week***

**Wednesday:** Bible Study @10:30 in the CUMC library

**Wednesday:** **Family Night** “Peacemakers Seek to Understand Others,  
**5:30-7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at CUMC.

**Wednesday:** Bell Choir Rehearsal @6 p.m. – CUMC

**Wednesday:** Choir Rehearsal @ 7 p.m. – CUMC

### **Save the Date**

**Mon., Nov. 20 – Rebecca Circle** meets in the Fellowship Hall at **1:30 p.m.** for refreshments, discussion & planning for the coming month. All women are welcome Hostess: Sue Ann Bartlesmeyer.

**Sun., Nov. 26 - Hanging of the Greens following the service**

**Sun., Dec. 3 – Advent Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m. CUMC** Fellowship Hall. Let us come together for an evening of fellowship, crafts and activities centered on Advent. **Dinner** will be provided.

*Financial gifts can be mailed to Algonquin UMC or Central UMC at:  
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