



*Central and Algonquin  
United Methodist Churches*

*Sunday, January 12, 2025*

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

January 12, 2025, CUMC - 10:30 a.m.

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

Baptism of our Lord

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker

Liturgist: Marcia Jenkins-Ball

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Morning Star"

Denton

CHORAL INTROIT

"Spirit of God"

S. Garnaas-Holmes

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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

**Leader:** Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**People:** When we pass through the waters, You will be with us; when we walk through the fire, we will not be burned.

**Leader:** For You are the Lord our God, the Holy One of Israel, our Savior.

**People:** We are precious in Your sight, honored, and loved by You.

**Leader:** God says, "Do not fear, for I am with you."

**People:** You gather Your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

**Leader:** Let us worship the God who created us, redeemed us, and calls us by name.

**People:** We worship the One who claims us as His own and promises to be with us always.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"How Firm a Foundation"

UMH 529  
FOUNDATION

**PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER \***

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

CHOIR ANTHEM

“This Holy Place”

M. Hayes

SERMON

When Heaven Opens

INVITATION TO OFFERING

As Jesus was baptized and claimed as God’s beloved, so we are called to live as His people, sharing His light and love with the world. Let us bring our gifts as an offering of gratitude, supporting the work of God’s kingdom here and now.

OFFERTORY

“Soliloquy”

Macklin

\*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>

Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts to Your glory and service, trusting that You will use them to bring hope and renewal. May our offering reflect Your love and further Your work in the world. Amen.

\*HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

UMH 252  
COMPLAINER

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

“Spirit Song”

UMH 347  
SPIRIT SONG

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...*

CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Lord Bless and Keep You”

J. Stratheed

POSTLUDE

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Broughton

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrick

Ushers/Greeters: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker

Family Ministry Coordinator: Vacant

Video Camera: Derrick Washbish

Music Director: Cathy Wilkinson

Liturgist: Marcia Jenkins-Ball

Administrative Asst.: Kimberly Clark

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal

\*TFWS—The Faith We Sing

\*1. Inspired by Isaiah 43:1-7

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 12, 2025

**Reminder: Please submit the information you would like added to the February Flame by January 15th to Barb Larson or Sharon Jones.**

### Central Birthdays

Jan. 18 – Carl Ball

Jan. 19 – Jim Aikens

### Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries

Jan. 14 – Eric Thomas

### This Week

**Wed., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**- Family Night from 5:30-7:00 p.m. @ CUMC Fellowship Hall.  
Dinner will be provided before the lesson. All are welcome!

**Wed., Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** - Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m., Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m. @ CUMC.

### Save the Date

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