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Read With Us

December 8, 2024

# WORSHIP

## 8:15AM - COMMUNION

Prelude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
 Welcome  
 \*Hymn of Praise: Sing We Now of Christmas (UMH 237)  
 \*The Collect  
 Advent Wreath Lighting  
 \*Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)  
 \*Gloria Patri (UMH 70)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Offertory: Sweet Little Jesus Boy  
 \*Doxology (UMH 95)  
 Message - Rev. Rob Holifield  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Holy Communion  
 \*Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude

## 10:20AM - TRADITIONAL

Prelude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
 Welcome  
 \*Proclamation Hymn: Sing We Now of Christmas (UMH 237)  
 \*The Collect  
 \*Passing the Peace  
 Advent Wreath Lighting  
 Children's Moment  
 Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17-20  
 Message - Rev. Rob Holifield  
 \*Psalter: Psalm 97 (UMH 816-817)  
 \*Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)  
 \*Gloria Patri (UMH 70)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Anthem: O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful -Tattersall's Psalmody, 1794  
 Offertory: Sweet Little Jesus Boy  
 \*Doxology (UMH 95)  
 \*Hymn of Thanksgiving: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus (UMH 196)  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude

## 10:30AM - CONTEMPORARY

Welcome  
 Advent Candle Lighting  
 King Of Kings  
 O Come O Come Emmanuel  
 Seasons  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Children's Moment  
 Offering Moment  
 Prepare Him Room  
 Message - Rev. Rob Holifield  
 Peace On Earth  
 Benediction

# SCRIPTURE

2 COR. 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

# PRAY

Mourning with:  
 Barbara Jones in the loss of her mother.  
 Rusty Turner in the loss of his mother.

Praying for:

- George Rhoads, in hospice care.
- Michael, John and Frances Rankin's son, as he continues cancer treatment.
- Sally Deakins, Laurel Van Hoose's mother, continued prayers for encouragement and healing.
- Chelsea Thompson, healing of health & faith as she goes through cancer treatment.
- Jane Whitlow, Sally Nichols' friend, prayers for healing.
- Leslie Reindeau, as she battles cancer.
- Ross Puryear, Doyle Rice's friend was recently diagnosed with stage four prostate cancer.
- Isaac Linville, Brandie Cockrell's cousin, is a two-year-old battling cancer.
- Erika Eichler as she recovers from foot surgery.
- Mike Rudolph is having abdominal complications due to an accident.
- Brenda Beach, Lois Yount's sister, is recovering from neck surgery.
- Denny Higgins, Paul Allard's mother, is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from her kidney.
- A co-worker of J.R. Shaw needs a second cancer surgery.
- Ronnie Whitis, Sally Nichols' grandson, needs prayer as he recovers from a motorcycle accident.
- Charles Michael Dawson, Marilyn Lee's son, prays the tests come back negative for cancer.
- Joseph & Sharon Kowalewski, Joseph has suffered a stroke while Sharon is dealing with kidney stones.



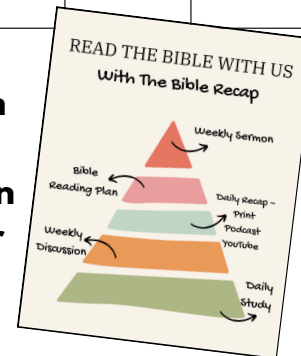
We have had one sermon series for the whole year, and we will continue reading through the whole Bible together using a specific reading plan. We hope you will read with us!

## DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-Dec Advent Begins 1 Corinthians 9-11 Day 336	2-Dec 1 Corinthians 12-14 Day 337	3-Dec 1 Corinthians 15-16 Day 338	4-Dec 2 Corinthians 1-4 Day 339	5-Dec 2 Corinthians 5-9 Day 340	6-Dec 2 Corinthians 10-13 Day 341	7-Dec Romans 1-3 Day 342
8-Dec Romans 4-7 Day 343	9-Dec Romans 8-10 Day 344	10-Dec Romans 11-13 Day 345	11-Dec Romans 14-16 Day 346	12-Dec Acts 20-23 Day 347	13-Dec Acts 24-26 Day 348	14-Dec Acts 27-28 Day 349
15-Dec Colossians 1-4 Philemon 1 Day 350	16-Dec Ephesians 1-6 Day 351	17-Dec Philippians 1-4 Day 352	18-Dec 1 Timothy 1-6 Day 353	19-Dec Titus 1-3 Day 354	20-Dec 1 Peter 1-5 Day 355	21-Dec Hebrews 1-6 Day 356
22-Dec Hebrews 7-10 Day 357	23-Dec Hebrews 11-13 Day 358	24-Dec 2 Timothy 1-4 Day 359	25-Dec Christmas Day 2 Peter 1-3 Jude 1 Day 360	26-Dec 1 John 1-5 Day 361	27-Dec 2 John 1 3 John 1 Day 362	28-Dec Revelation 1-5 Day 363
29-Dec Revelation 6-11 Day 364	30-Dec Revelation 12-18 Day 365	31-Dec Revelation 19-22 Day 366				



For more information on how to participate scan the QR code or check our website!





# WAYS TO CONNECT

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sun, December 8th, 3pm – 4:30pm in the Chapel

All are invited to attend our Annual Charge Conference which will be led by our District Superintendent, Roy Beth Kelly. What is a charge conference? By definition: The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council. All members of the charge conference must be members of the local church. The charge conference must meet at least once per year. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

## GRAVITY WORSHIP AND THRIFTMAS PARTY

Sun, Dec. 8th, 6pm

Gravity students and families, join us for our annual Christmas party - Gravity THRIFTMAS. Bring a thrifted WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT, and dress in your BEST THRIFTED CHRISTMAS CHEER and enjoy an AMAZING SCAVENGER HUNT!

## CENTRAL WOMEN TOUR OF HOMES AND BRUNCH

Thu, Dec.12th, 8:30am – 2:30pm

Annual Christmas Tour of Homes and Brunch. Tickets go on sale Nov. 17th - Dec. 8th in November and childcare is available.

## LESSONS & CAROLS PRESENTED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Thurs, Dec. 12th, 6:30pm

Fri, Dec. 13th, 6:30pm

Join us in the chapel for a festive music celebration of Jesus birth, led by our Chancel Choir. You'll enjoy experiencing the story again through scripture, choral music, string quartet and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to celebrate Christmas at Central. Childcare will be available in room 127.

## GRAVITY LEADER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sun, Dec. 15th, 6pm

Gravity Leaders are heading out on their ANNUAL Christmas Party and all it's SHENANIGANS!

## CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Tue, Dec. 24th, 2pm - Sanctuary

Join us for an inspiring Christmas Eve Service where we celebrate the birth of Christ! We will conclude with the traditional singing of "Silent Night" to candlelight.

## TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Tue, Dec. 24th, 5pm - Sanctuary

Join us for an inspiring Christmas Eve Service where we celebrate the birth of Christ! We will conclude with the traditional singing of "Silent Night" to candlelight.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tue, Dec. 24th, 11pm - Chapel

Join us for our powerful and contemplative traditional candlelight service.

## CHRISTMAS - Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed December 25th & 26th.

## CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

Wed, Dec. 25th, 11am

Join us in person for our annual Christmas Day Dinner with all the trimmings! Volunteer options are available now, sign up online or in the Advent Mailer. To reserve your seat for the meal, sign up after Thanksgiving weekend by calling the church office at 479.636.1630.

## ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sun, Dec. 29th, 10:30am

Contemporary Worship with Praise Band. Nursery available.

## NEW YEARS DAY

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

## GRAVITY GIRLS NIGHT IN

Sat, January 4th, 5pm – 10pm

Gravity Girls, put your pjs on and join us for a FESTIVE night of FUN! Purchase your ticket online for a memorable night!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE KICK-OFF

Wed, January 8th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

## GRAVITY WORSHIP AND SUNDAY NIGHT

Sun, January 12th, 6pm – 6:30pm

Join us this night for our Gravity Worship in the Chapel. After worship together, "Gravity Grown Ups" and their students (6-12th grade), will move to the Gravity Youth room for FUN games, a DELICIOUS meal, and DEEP Life Groups!

## WNL DINNER AND CLASSES

Wed, January 15th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Fri, January 17th, 6pm – 10pm

Confirmation students, join us for an in-house retreat as we kick off Confirmation 2025.

## GRACE COMMUNITY DINNER

Sun, January 19th, 3pm – 5:30pm

A dinner is prepared and served at Grace UMC for approximately 200+ people by drive-thru. Teams will prepare food, pack for distribution, and deliver to vehicles. If interested in joining a group, please call the church office.

## PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Thu, January 23rd, 9:30am – 12:30pm

## CONFIRMATION KICKOFF

Sun, January 26th, 4:30pm – 6pm

Students, parents, and mentors join for our first night of Confirmation!

## CHURCHWIDE PRAYER

Sun, January 26th, 5pm – 6pm

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, January 27th, 6pm – 7:30pm

## GRAVITY WORSHIP AND SUNDAY NIGHT

Sun, February 9th, 6pm – 6:30pm

Join us this night for our Gravity Worship in the Chapel. After worship together, "Gravity Grown Ups" and their students (6-12th grade), will move to the Gravity Youth room for FUN games, a DELICIOUS meal, and DEEP Life Groups!