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For the month of January, we will have a series of lay speakers each Sunday morning at Central

1/1/23: Adam Kolmetz

1/8/23: Lisa Keys Matthews

1/15/23: Pat Lee

December Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Dec 25	\$15,661
Needed for Dec	\$62,235
Received for Dec	\$50,149

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	72
Online:	86

Calendar

Sunday, January 1

- 9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
- 9:30 AM Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, January 3

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
- 2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, January 4

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 6:00-6:45 PM-Chancel Choir
- 6:45-7:30 PM-Voices of Praise

Friday, January 6

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall

LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall

L- Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

January 1, 2023

Epiphany Sunday

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

Too long we've gone the wrong way, followed the wrong stars!

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

The Star of Hope

The Star of Peace.

The Star of Joy.

The Star of Love.

The Star that is You.

*Opening Hymns#140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As though hast been, thou forever wilt be.



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Refrain
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their course above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn "Across the Lands"

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain

**You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of every man,
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;
Yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free.

Refrain

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.

Refrain twice

Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Alicia Mullican

Bible Reading — Matthew 1:1-6

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife.

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — The Gospel According to Four Women

Adam Kolmetz

*Closing Hymn #383 "This is a Day of New Beginnings"

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift