

**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

Rev. Debra Wacker

Sunday, January 1, 2023, 10:00 am



**New Year’s Day
Sunday after Christmas: “Get Up and Go: #morelife”**

PRELUDE “We Three Kings” arr. Smith Jo Jackson

WELCOME Rev. Deb Wacker

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Judy

Litany of Affirmation “First Coming” by Madeleine L’Engle

Leader: God did not wait till the world was ready, till...nations were at peace.

People: God came when the Heavens were unsteady and prisoners cried out for release.

Leader: God did not wait for the perfect time.

People: God came when the need was deep and great. God dined with sinners in all their grime, turned water into wine.

Leader: God did not wait till hearts were pure.

People: In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt. To a world like ours, of anguished shame, God came and God’s Light would not go out.

Leader: God came to a world which did not mesh, to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

People: In the mystery of the Word made Flesh, the maker of the stars was born.

Leader: We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice, or to share our grief, to touch our pain,

All: God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

*OPENING HYMN “We Three Kings” UMH #254

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Judy

OUR PRAYERS Rev. Deb

The 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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “The First Noel” arr. Calhoon Jo Jackson

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 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.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Deb

SING ALONG

Congregation picks favorite Christmas Songs

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-15, 19 & 20 (CEB)

Reader: Rev. Judy

When the magi had departed, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up. Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod will soon search for the child in order to kill him." Joseph got up and, during the night, took the child and his mother to Egypt. He stayed there until Herod died. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I have called my son out of Egypt.

After King Herod died, an angel from the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. "Get up," the angel said, "and take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel. Those who were trying to kill the child are dead."

Leader: This is a Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

"Get Up and Go: #morelife"

Rev. Deb

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the Meal

Communion Servers:

Rev. Judy and Gordon Crom; Mark and Cheryl James

(As you are able, please come forward, two servers wearing gloves will place a piece of bread and a cup of juice into your hand.)

*CLOSING HYMN

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

UMH #251

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Deb

POSTLUDE

"How Joyfully! With Joy to the World"

Jo Jackson

(Please remain seated until the music has stopped. The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)

WELCOME TO
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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH – A warm greeting is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this morning. It is our prayer that this service will be a source of comfort and inspiration to you. If we can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Ministers

Senior Pastor

Pastor Emeritus

Quiet Disciple

Office Manager

Bookkeeper

Bell Choir Director

Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director

Nursery Caregivers

Sensory Room

Facility Manager

Worship Production Team

Accompanists

All the members of the congregation

Debra Wacker

Judy Owsley

Karen Hobson

Marie Nieto

Cheryl James

Priscilla Tracy

Jon Ainsworth

Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick

Melissa James

John Cox

Rod Rockwell & John Cox

Jo Jackson & Kim Crom



*Standing for those who are able

WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Sandra Noggle; Ruth Ainsworth, and Billie Owings; All the people and communities affected by Hurricane Ian; the people of Ukraine, our "WAVES," our community and our nation, first responders, the military, medical service providers, leaders of government and churches.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

PRESENCE: Sanctuary 46, Fellowship Hall 3, Online 6, Nursery 3 **Total: 55**

Christmas Eve: Sanctuary 73, Online 6, Total: 79

GIFTS:	Dec 25	Dec 24	Dec 18	Dec 11	Dec 4
	\$469	\$400	\$2670.00	\$3,286.00	\$ 10,379.0

SERVICE: Thank you to Rev. Deb for a beautiful Sermon Last Sunday.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS: Kutela Katembo Ministry with Mufongo Villagers
We at Central are one of the churches that support Kutela and his ministry. We have promised to provide a minimum of \$1000 in 2023. Can you help? Please make checks payable to Central UMC designated "Kutela," or drop coins or cash in the watering can at the sanctuary entrance on Sundays. Thank you for helping Kutela to help hungry families! See Newsletter for info.

FOOD GIFTS Hot Soup on a Cold Day Hungry families in Colorado Springs will appreciate some soup or other meal items as the winds blow in January. Hundreds of families come to Mercy's Gate each month for food and other assistance, and we can offer them the warmth of God's love. Please bring soup or any non-perishable food items to the grocery cart in the church entry area any time during January. Mmm, good!

NEW BIBLE STUDY With Rev. Deb In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. Join us starting Thursday, Jan 5th at 5:30 pm on Zoom and in-person.

GIVING ENVELOPES: If you would like to receive envelopes to use for your 2023 offering, please let Cheryl James or Kathy Andrew know so that they can get them to you. You can also leave a message in the office (719) 597-6642 or email the office at office@cumccs.org.

UPPER ROOM New Jan – Feb 2023 are available at the entryway on the literature rack.

*OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings"

UMH #254

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*CLOSING HYMN

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

UMH #251

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
While shepherds kept there watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! Above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.