

## **Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!**

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a ***Connect Card*** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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# Central

## United Methodist Church



**JANUARY 12, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.**

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## Baptism of the Lord Sunday

### 11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship

### January 12, 2025

✚ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
Congregational responses in **bold**.

\*As the Prelude begins, please enter into an attitude of worship.\*

**PRELUDE**                      *Abide with Me*                      arr. Don Phillips

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you!**

#### ✚ CALL TO WORSHIP

✚ **CHORAL RESPONSE**                      *Sweet Hour of Prayer*                      UMH 496  
   Verse 1 only

✚ **HYMN OF PRAISE**                      *Blessed Assurance*                      UMH 369

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**PRAYER HYMN**                      *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*                      UMH 462  
   (please remain seated)

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### 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.

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY**    arr. Valarie A. Valois  
   *Improvisation on MICHAEL*

✚ **DOXOLOGY**    UMH 95

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✚ **HYMN OF PREPARATION**    UMH 130  
   *God Will Take Care of You*

**SCRIPTURE**    **Nehemiah 4:1-15 NIV**

**SERMON "Important Things for (Re)Building Your Life:  
Defense, Pt.2"**

✚ **HYMN OF DEDICATION**    UMH 133  
   *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

#### ✚ BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                      *L'Hirondelle*                      Louis Claude Daquin  
   \*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude\*

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#### Serving in Worship Today

Senior Pastor: Dr. Bill White, Jr.  
Associate Pastor: Rev. J.D. Moffett  
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Valarie Alexandra Valois  
Central Chancel Choir  
Ushers: John & Mary Ann Burns  
and Jason & Sharon Kendall