

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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8:30AM

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JESUS
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a study of James



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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Prayer

Whether you're just beginning to explore the Christian faith or a longtime believer, we're glad you're here and pray you will experience the love and grace of Jesus today. Central is for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus Christ and grow together in real community.

Especially if this is your first time as our guest, welcome. We are thrilled you are here, and would love to connect with you. You are encouraged to fill out a connection card at one of our welcome tables in either lobby or in the Fellowship Hall, or simply scan the QR code.

Worship: 8:30am & 11:15am

Sunday school: 10:00am-11:00am

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.

During both services, nursery care is available for families with children ages 8 weeks through 3 years. The nursery entrance is on the first floor.

A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.

For kids ages 3 through kindergarten, we offer "children's worship" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3 through kindergarten will be invited to join our leaders at the front of the sanctuary. After the sermon, the kids return to the sanctuary to meet their parents.

Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Located in each pew is a "Welcome Registry." We encourage you to please use this to let us know you worshiped at Central today. After putting your name down, please pass the book down your pew.

At Central, we believe in the power of prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests using the cards located in the pew, or online at centralpres.com/prayer. You can also email your prayer requests to prayer@centralpres.com. If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150

John the Revelator

Taylor University Chorale
Dr. Reed Spencer, director
Lua Bleah, piano

Traditional Spiritual
arr. P. Caldwell and S. Ivory

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 106:1; Ephesians 1:3-4; John 15:15-16

Praise the LORD!

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
to be his friends and to bear the fruit of holiness through him.

Hallelujah! Amen!

Prelude

God Calls Us To Worship

God gathers us before
his heavenly throne for
a special time to renew
our relationship with
him together.

We Praise God

We respond to God's
call by honoring his
majesty and goodness
in song.

O Worship the King

1. O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a - bove, and grate-ful - ly sing
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light,
 3. Thy boun-ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air,
 4. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee we do trust,
 5. O meas-ure-less might, un-change-a - ble love, whom an-gels de - light

his won - der - ful love, our Shield and De - fen - der, the An-cient of
 whose can - o - py space! His char - iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds
 it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
 nor find thee to fail: thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the
 to wor - ship a - bove! Your ran-somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a -

Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 form, and dark is his path on the wings of a storm.
 plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.
 blaze, in true ad - or - a - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1833
 Tune: LYONS; attr. J. Michael Haydn, 1770

We Pray For God To Help Us Worship

We ask the Lord to work
in us by his Holy Spirit
to give us the desire and
ability to respond to him
in worship.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

Seated

from James 4:8, 10

Cleanse your hands, and purify your hearts.
Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**God of life and love,
our faith is too often more dead than alive.
We are prone to hear your word but not do it,
to learn and believe the truth in our minds
but not make our faith complete by obeying you in our actions.
We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and strength,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
even making enemies of those you call us to love and serve.
So we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Lord, we are sorry and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, please help us trust you with living faith and makes us doers and not merely hearers of your word. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that our lives with be faithful and fruitful as we walk in your ways and do the good works you have prepared for us to do in Christ. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from 1 John 4:9; 2 Peter 1:3

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

We Confess Our Sin

Together as the people of God, we acknowledge honestly to God what is wrong and broken in us and ask for his forgiveness and transforming grace.

God Declares Our Forgiveness

God responds joyfully to our confession by declaring his forgiveness and the security of his grace and delight in us as his beloved daughters and sons.

We Praise God

Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er? There is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture
 4. With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has
 more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
 side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -
 free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
 joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played. To this I
 par - don, and he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave. To this I
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to
 hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me through the deep - est val - ley he will
 hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to
 his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
 lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
 plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
 him. When the race is com - plete, still my
 sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come!
 sing: I am free!
 lips shall re - peat:

Text and tune: Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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Seated

And I Saw a New Heaven

Taylor University Chorale
Dr. Reed Spencer, director
Kirsten Jones, Eli King, violin
Noah Davelaar, cello
Lua Bleah, piano

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Text: Revelation 21:1-4
Music: E. Bainton

*Children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship
and will return during the offering.*

God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us
through the Bible to
instruct, encourage,
correct, comfort, and
equip us to know, love,
and follow him.

We respond to God by
affirming our trust in his
word.

God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to
explain what his word
means and how to
respond to him with
loving obedience in our
daily lives.

James 2:14-26

The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

“Living Faith” – Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

pew Bible page 1012

Isaiah 40:8

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The Conversion of Saul

Taylor University Chorale

Caedite, vexate, ligate vinculis! Saul!
Vinculis, condemnate vexate!

Murder, harass, bind into chains! Saul!
Chain, prosecute and harass!

Why do you persecute me, Saul?
Fall down on your knees, turn hatred into love.
Turn darkness into light. Bow down, Saul!

Text: R. Cupich and Z. R. Stroope
Music: Z. Randall Stroope

Christan Perona
Central Christian School

Standing (if able)

Our Father, please give us wisdom and living faith to walk in the way of Jesus.
Help us be doers of your word in works of faith and love.

(prayers for the church and the world)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's word by offering ourselves to God with renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support God's mission in the world.

We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

We Pray For The Church And The World

We respond to God's word by asking him to transform our lives, our communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer as a summary prayer for the mission of God's kingdom.

Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 3. Be Thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wa - king or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull
 Tune: SLANE; Traditional Irish melody

And all God's people said...
Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology – Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Toccata in G

T. Dubois

Liturgist: Rev. Charles Godwin

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano, organ*.

**God Blesses Us
And Sends Us Out**

God sends us out into
the world with his
blessing to live with him
and serve the mission of
his kingdom.

Postlude

Connect, Grow, Serve

At Central, we seek the transformation of our lives, communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. This vision becomes more and more a reality when we **connect, grow, and serve**. Below are a few opportunities coming up for you to belong to God's mission and his work at and through Central.

Connection Dinners

Have you been to a Connection Dinner before? It's a group of 9-10 Central folks who get together in someone's home for an evening of fellowship. We'd love for you to join us at an upcoming dinner. Send us an email at info@centralpres.com for more information or to sign up.

Community Service Night This Wednesday

Please join us this Wednesday night for a special Community Service Night at 6 pm following dinner at 5 pm. Pick up a flyer with more information at a Welcome Table or contact us at info@centralpres.com for more details.

Join Our PEEPs Ministry Staff

Central Presbyterian's early childhood education program, PEEPs, is seeking additional teachers to join our close-knit, faith-filled team who love God and work together to train the hearts and teach the minds of young children on M, W, and F from 8:15am-2:15pm. Children of teachers receive free tuition at PEEPs and a 25% discount at CCS. If you would like to learn more, please contact us at info@centralpres.com.

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SERVE

If you would like more information about these or other upcoming opportunities, please scan the QR code to the right, email us at communications@centralpres.com, or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

