

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 19, 2025

8:30AM

LIVING THE
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.

Down to the River to Pray

Chancel Ringers

Traditional; arr. Sandra Eithun

Prelude

Klodi & Migena Licaj
Albania

We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword.
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend! Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty, may we in

tor - i - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess. Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: Anonymous, 1757
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN; Felice de Giardini, 1769

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 4:6, 8

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

God of life, you have united us to Christ
to produce in us a Christ-like heart and life.

**But we have produced the evil fruit of evil desires
rather than the good fruit of your Spirit
in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have been quick to speak but slow to listen,
and our words are often a restless evil,
without integrity or self-control,
full of poison rather than healing and encouraging,
full of cursing rather than blessing and building up.
And so we have dishonored you and our neighbors.
Lord, we are sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we speak and live your truth and grace in Christ with patient wisdom, self-control, and peace to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Colossians 1:12-14

God the Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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.

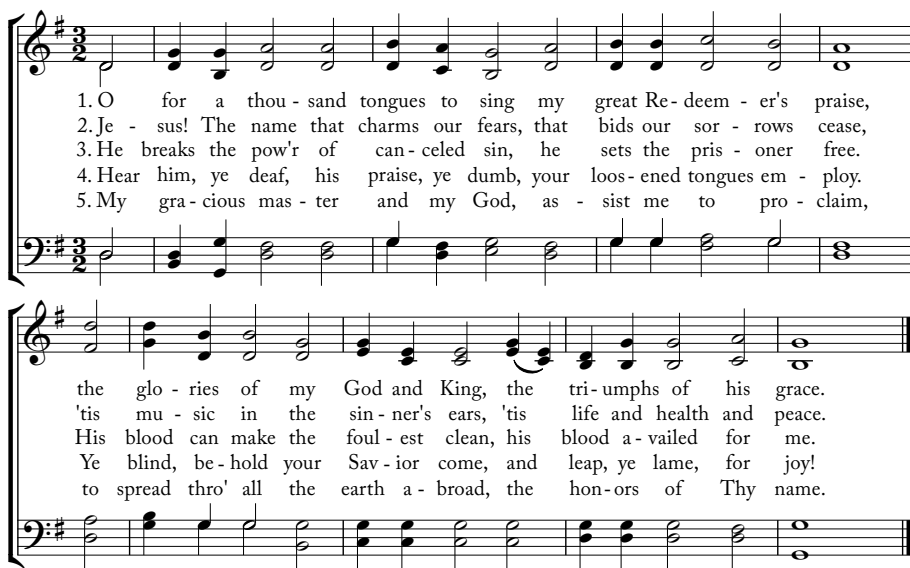
God Declares Our Forgiveness

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.

O for a Thousand Tongues



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
 2. Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,
 3. He breaks the pow'r of can - cels sin, he sets the pris - on-er free.
 4. Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy.
 5. My gra - cious mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!
 to spread thro' all the earth a - broad, the hon - ors of Thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739
 Tune: AZMON; C. G. Gläser, 1828; adapt. Lowell Mason

Seated

Ubi Caritas

Chancel Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
 The love of Christ has gathered us together.
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Let us revere and love the living God.
 And from a sincere heart let us love one
 another. Amen.

Latin hymn, 9th C.; Music: Ola Gjeilo

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.

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

Isaiah 40:8

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

“Taming the Tongue” – Rev. Dr. Dan Doriani

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.

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.

Give electronically at centralpres.com/giving, or by texting CENTRALPRES to 77977

His Mercy Is More

1. What love can re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2. What pat - ience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us.

Om - ni - scient, all know - ing he counts not their sum,
 What Fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment; his life was the cost.

thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Our sins they are ma - ny. His mer - cy is more.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more, stron - ger than dark - ness,
 new ev' - ry morn. Our sins they are ma - ny. His mer - cy is more.

Text and tune: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa
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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.

Seated

Central welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? Please email family@centralpres.com for more information.

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.

God Feeds Us at His Table

We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin, Satan, and death through his death and resurrection by eating and drinking symbols of Jesus' body and blood. The Holy Spirit works through this act to nourish us by the life of Jesus, to unite us with God and with one another in friendship, and to give us a foretaste and promise of Jesus' return to make all things new.

Standing (if able)

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology – Old 100th

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Grand Choeur

T. Salomé

Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

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

Chancel Ringers: Amy Jensen (director), Jill Clayton, Susan Griesedieck, Anola Heitmann, Genevieve Mazzoni, David McCoy, Mary Ellen Raymond, Carolyn Reising, Chris Sehorn, Carolyn Sehorn, Alexis Sehorn, Noelle Stith, Jeanne Weltman.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cheri Hampton Sorey by the Hampton family.

**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.

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.

Central Christian School Admissions Opportunities

Our school – Central Christian – is a wonderful ministry. To make it as accessible as possible to Central members, we have a Donor Scholarship Fund for the children of Central Presbyterian members, so that they can have access to solid academic preparation through the lens of a Christian worldview. One of the best ways to learn about our school is to experience it for yourself! This fall, we're holding two Admissions Coffees on October 24 and November 14 to share about our Gospel-driven academics, school culture, and vibrant community. Both events will take place from 8:30-10:30am. You'll also have an opportunity to tour the campus and observe our learning environments. For more information or to register for a Coffee, call 314.727.4535

Community Night Wednesday

Our Wednesday night ministry – “Community Night” – is a great way to grow closer to God this fall. It all begins with dinner at 5 p.m. followed by classes and fellowship for all ages at 6 pm. If you haven't been part of our Wednesday night ministry before, this is a great time to start. Make a dinner reservation online by Monday noon at www.centralpres.com, and we hope to see you this Wednesday!

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.

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.

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

