

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 26, 2025

8:30AM

LIVING THE
JESUS
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a study of James



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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Welcome Registry

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

He That Shall Endure from *Elijah*

Central Brass Ensemble

F. Mendelssohn

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

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.

A Mighty Fortress

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing.
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth.

Our help - er he a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his
 The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may

great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still: his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederic Hedge, 1852
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG; Martin Luther, 1529

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.

Our Father, you have created and redeemed us to live
by the wisdom of Christ from above.

**But we have not loved you and your wisdom
with all of our heart, mind, and strength,
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are prone to reject meekness as weakness
and gentleness as cowardice and compromise,
to close ourselves to the truth**

and to correction from your Spirit and from others.

**We have been filled with jealousy and selfish ambition,
and we have responded to others**

**with harsh attitudes, words, and actions
that are impatient, impure, and unkind.**

Lord, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, fix our eyes on Jesus and lead us by your Spirit to walk in the way of
your wisdom. Transform us so that we are more and more peaceable, gentle, open to
reason, full of mercy and the good fruit of your Spirit in Christ. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Colossians 3:1, 3-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ
is, seated at the right hand of God. For you have died, and your life is hidden with
Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with
him in glory.

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.

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re-ceive the food of your ho - ly word.

2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di-ence, ho - ly rev - er-ence, true hu-mil - i - ty.

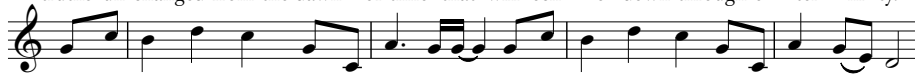
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds. Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,



Take your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness

Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the ra - di-ance of your pur - i - ty.

truths un-changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma-jes - tic love and au-thor - i - ty.

And by grace we'll stand on your prom-is-es, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.

Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief.

Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Text and tune: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
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Seated

The Doctrine of Wisdom

Chancel Choir

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
And the Knowledge of the holy is understanding.
For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
And the years of your life shall be increased.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that getteth understanding.
She is more precious than rubies:
And all the things thou canst desire
Are not to be compared unto her.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
And lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he shall direct thy paths. Amen.

Proverbs 3 & 9; Music: William Mathias

*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 3:13-18

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

“Godly Wisdom” – Rev. Dr. Dan Doriani

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Isaiah 40:8

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Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood. Thou sa - vest those that on thee call.
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, and long to feast up - on thee still.
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, where - e'er our change - ful lot is cast,
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mom - ents calm and bright.



from the best bliss that earth im - parts, we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
To them that seek thee, thou art good, to them who find thee all in all.
We drink of thee, the Foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
Chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'ver the world thy ho - ly light.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, ~1160; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858
Tune: O WALY, WALY; English Folk Tune

Lizzie Avery and Molly Bruce
Student Ministry

Standing (if able)

(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

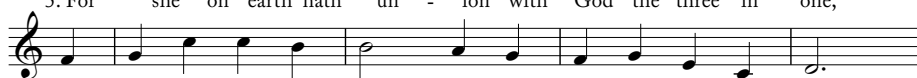
We Pray For The Church And The World

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.

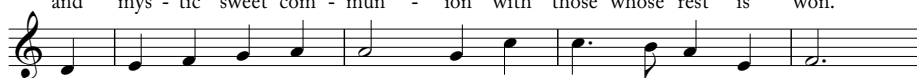
The Church's One Foundation



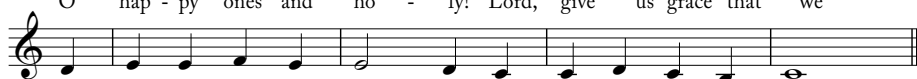
1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. For she on earth hath un - ion with God the three in one,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schi - sm rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed.
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more,
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride,
 One ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vis - ion glor - ious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great Church vic - tor - ious shall be the Church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Text: S. J. Stone, 1866
 Tune: AURELIA; Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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

A Mighty Fortress

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Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Taylor Bruce

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

Central Brass Ensemble: Allen Stith (director), Pat Stark, Peter Baartman, *trumpet*;
Tim Arrington, Jill Clayton, *horn*; Paul Arrington, Susan Griesedieck, *trombone/*
euphonium; Richard Johnston, Austin Winkleman, *tuba*.

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.

Connect and Grow – Men's Ministry

We have our next "Journey Men" coming up on Thursday evening, November 6 at 6pm here at church. It's a time of food, fellowship and faith, where we get to hear how the Lord Jesus is at work in the life of another man through testimony and discussion. Iron sharpens iron, and this is a powerful time of encouraging each other in the Lord. Contact us at info@centralpres.com for questions or more information.

Community Night Wednesday – Dinner, Bible Studies and More

Our Wednesday night ministry – "Community Night" – continues this Wednesday evening. Join us for dinner at 5pm. If you haven't been part of our Wednesday night ministry before, maybe this week is a great time to start. Bible studies begin at 6pm. We hope to see you this Wednesday!

Central Blood Drive on November 10

Giving blood is a very practical and important way to serve and love our neighbors. Mark your calendars for Monday, November 10 when we will host our next blood drive here at Central, beginning at noon. If you are able, please drop by and participate with us anytime between noon and 6pm! Contact us at info@centralpres.com if you have any questions or to reserve a time slot.

A Beneficial Way to Give

Did you know that you can give stock directly to the church? When you do, you avoid paying gains tax on appreciated assets. It can be a very beneficial way to give, especially with the markets near all-time highs. If you would like to learn more about how to give in this way, please contact us at info@centralpres.com. We have a system in place to make the process clear and easy for you.

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

