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CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Central

## Get connected at Central



## Sundays at Central

### Worshipping as a Family

### Accessibility

### 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](http://centralpres.com/prayer). You can also email your prayer requests to [prayer@centralpres.com](mailto:prayer@centralpres.com). If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

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## 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

*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.

**“Godly Wisdom” – 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](http://centralpres.com/giving), or by texting CENTRALPRES to 77977

## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

1. Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts,  
 2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood;  
 3. We taste of thee, O liv - ing bread,  
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee,  
 5. O Je - sus ev - er with us stay,

thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
 thou sav - est those that on thee call.  
 and long to feast up - on thee still.  
 where - 'er our change - ful lot is cast.  
 make all our mom - ents calm and bright.

from the best bliss that earth im - parts,  
 To them that seek thee, thou art good;  
 We drink of thee, the foun - tain head,  
 Glad when thy grac - ious smile we see,  
 Chase the dark night of sin a - way,

we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.  
 to them that find thee, all in all.  
 and thirst our soul from thee to fill.  
 blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.  
 shed over the world thy ho - ly light.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, ~1160; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858  
 Tune: Brian T. Murphy  
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## We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@centralpres.com), or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

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