

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 2, 2025

11:15AM

LIVING THE
JESUS
WAY

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.

Carol of the Fishermen

The Children's Choir
Whitney Cairns, director
Young Kim, piano

N. Sleeth

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 149:1-2, 4-5

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people.

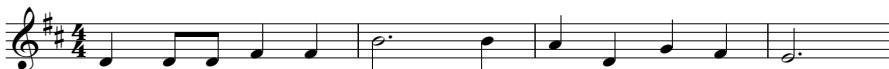
He adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory.

God Calls Us To Worship

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

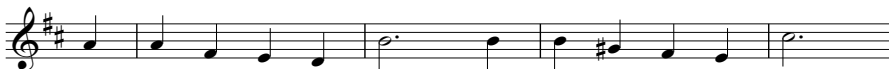
Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove.



Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
who rose vic - tor - ious to the strife for those he came to save.
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wond-rous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall.



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

We Praise God

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

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851; alt. Godfrey Thring, 1871
Tune: DIADEMATA; George Elvey, 1868

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.

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.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

Seated

from James 4:6, 8, 10

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Our Father in heaven,
you have set us free in Christ to live as your forgiven friends
with trust in your provision and power.

**But we often surrender to sinful passions and desires
that wage war within us.**

**We have refused contentment
by coveting what you gave to others.**

**We are often consumed by unjust anger
in fits of envy and fights with others,
and we have murdered them in our hearts by our hatred.**

We have failed to trust your generosity and wisdom.

**So we often live without prayer,
and we do not have because we do not ask
or because we ask with selfish motives
rather than concern for your glory and our good.
Lord, we are sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, by the power of the Spirit of Christ, please break our bondage to coveting and quarreling and lead us to humble ourselves to seek your grace, to submit to your wisdom, and to draw near to you to ask you freely for all that we need to love and serve you. Help us to walk in the way of righteousness and peace out of love for you and for our neighbors. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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 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.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won - der; let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - ens hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join, and point to mer - cy's store.
5. Let us praise, and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned on high.



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mt. Si - nai's flame.
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown,
When through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more.
Here they trust - ed him be - fore us; now their prais - es fill the sky:



He has washed us with his blood.	He has washed us with his blood.
He has washed us with his blood.	He has washed us with his blood.
He who washed us with his blood.	He who washed us with his blood.
He who washed us with his blood,	He who washed us with his blood,
"You have washed us with your blood;	You have washed us with your blood;



He has washed us with his blood.	He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with his blood.	He pre - sents our souls to God.
He who washed us with his blood	soon will bring us home to God.
He who washed us with his blood	has se - cured our way to God.
You have washed us with your blood;	You are wor - thy, Lamb of God."

Text: John Newton, 1774
Tune: Laura Taylor
(c) 2001 Laura Taylor Music

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.

“The Gospel according to James” – 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.

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Christus Victor (Amen)

1. O Most High, King of the a - ges, great I AM, God of
 2. O Most High, dwell-ing a - mong us, Son of man, sent for
 3. O Most High, King of the na - tions, robed in praise, crowned with
 won - ders, by the blood you have re-deemed us, led us
 sin - ners, by your blood you have re-deemed us, spot - less
 splen - dor, On that day, who will not trem - ble? When you
 through might - y wa - ters. Our strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion:
 Lamb, might - y Sav - ior, who lived, who died, who rose vic - to - rious.
 stand, Christ the Vic - tor, who was, and is, and is for - ev - er:

Chorus

Now to the Lamb up-on the throne be bless-ing hon - or, glo - ry,
 pow - er for the bat - tle you have won. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 With ev - ery tribe and ev - ry tongue, we join the an - them of the
 an-gels in the tri-umph of the Son. Hal-le - lu - jah! A - men.

Text & tune: Matt Boswell, Bryan Fowler, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa
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 Love Your Enemies Publishing/Messenger Hymns

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.

Please hold the elements until all have been served, and we will eat and drink together as directed by the pastor. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Therefore, with the whole company of heaven and the whole church on earth, we give you thanks for your great glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(prayer of thanks & words of institution)

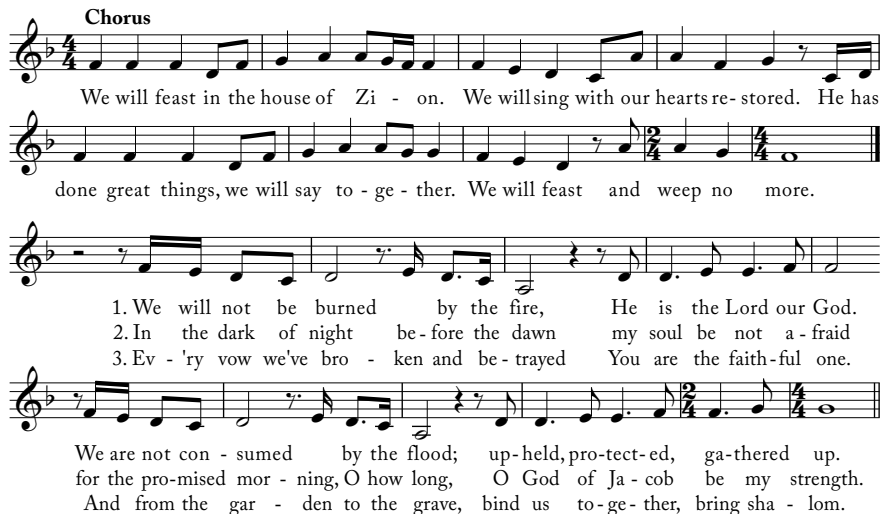
Now let us celebrate the feast of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

We Praise God

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has
done great things, we will say to - ge - ther. We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God.
2. In the dark of night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith - ful one.

We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
for the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long, O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

Text and tune: Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore
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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

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29

J. S. Bach

Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano, organ, vocals*; Alex Spors, *guitar, vocals*; Romondo Davis, *bass*; Hannah Baartman, *vocals*.

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.

"Journey Men" This Thursday

The next "Journey Men" is this 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 for more information.

CONNECT

GROW

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.

