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CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Central

## Get connected at Central



## Sundays at Central

## Worshiping 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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## Song Without Words, Op. 67 No. 3

F. Mendelssohn

## Prelude

*Standing (if able)*

from Psalm 50:15; 34:3, 8, 10

The sovereign Lord says,  
“Call upon me in the day of trouble  
and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”  
So come, magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together.**  
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him,  
**for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

## 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.

## God Is for Us



1. We won't fear the bat - tle. We won't fear the night. We will walk the val - ley  
2. Ev - en when I stum - ble, ev - en when I fall, ev - en when I turn back,



with you by our side. You will go be - fore us, you will lead the way.  
still your love is sure. You will not ab - an - don, you will not for - sake.



We have found a ref - uge, on - ly you can save.  
You will cheer me on - ward with nev - er - end - ing grace.

### Chorus



Sing with joy now, our God is for us, the Fa - ther's love is a strong and migh - ty for - tress.



Raise your voice now, no love is great - er. Who can stand ag - ainst us if our God is for us?

(2nd time to **Bridge**)



Nei - ther height nor depth can sep - ar - ate us. Hell and death will



not de - feat us. He who gave his Son to free us holds me in his love.

(2nd time to **Chorus**)

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## 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.

Gracious Father, you give us free access to you in Christ at all times and places. Please forgive us for the times when we live without prayer in unceasing busyness, when we suffer anxious fear that we do not bring to you, and when we do not trust you to provide what we need to live and to serve you.

**Lord, please forgive us and heal us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Merciful God, you are our health and salvation in life and death, and you came to set us free from the guilt and power of our sin. Please forgive us for the times when we have refused to confess our sins and seek your mercy and have resisted the transformation we need to grow.

**Lord, please forgive us and heal us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Father, you sent your Son and Spirit to make us part of your family, and you work through your church as a powerful means of grace. Please forgive us for the times when we pull away from your people and rely on ourselves rather than seek and trust the loving care and guidance of your church.

**Lord, please forgive us and heal us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, help us to embrace the healing you offer us in Christ. Renew us by the power of your Spirit so that we walk together with brothers and sisters in your family in the freedom of people brought from death to life by receiving the transforming power of your grace and love. 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.

*Standing (if able)*

from 1 John 4:9; 1 Peter 2:24

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. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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!**

## O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less, free!  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from shore to shore,  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery love the best.

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me,  
 how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more,  
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of Thy love,  
 how he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own,  
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me,

lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to Thee.

Text: S. Trevor Francis, 1890  
 Tune: EBENEZER; Thomas J. Williams, 1890

## 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.

*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.

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 5:13-20

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

**“Sickness and Healing” – Rev. Dr. Clay Smith**

pew Bible page 1013

Isaiah 40:8



## 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:

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## 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 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.

## We Praise God

*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.**

## 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.

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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  
Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen, Amen.

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

### Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 79

J. S. Bach

Liturgist: Eric Schmidt

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano, organ, vocals*; Carl Sasse, *guitar, vocals*; Christine Sasse, Renita Luehrman, Janet Rowden, *violin*; Julie Hoffman, Stephen Luehrman, *viola*; Suzanne Harlamert, Luke Brown, *cello*; Julia Clemens, *bass*; Robert Clemens, *percussion*; Mariglen Boggs, *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.

### 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.

## A Special Advent Kickoff

Join us on Wednesday, December 3 for ChristmasFest - a day of inspiring activities that will help to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. The day will include our Advent Experience, church decorating, dinner, outdoor tree lighting and more. It is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to.

## Thanksgiving Worship - This Wednesday Evening

Before the turkey, the parade, a fun run, or the game, make space for worship and gratitude. Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm for Central's annual Thanksgiving worship service—a casual, warm, family-friendly gathering filled with music, reflection, and expressions of thanks. It's a meaningful tradition that kicks off the holiday season and reminds us of the true reason to give thanks.

## Year-End Generosity

We are so thankful to God for all that He continues to do through our ministry here at Central. Your financial generosity makes it all possible, and we are grateful for your ongoing partnership. Please continue to partner with us in the coming weeks. It's a very important time for our financial health. Visit [www.centralpres.com/giving](http://www.centralpres.com/giving) to learn more or to make a gift.

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SERVE

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