

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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8:30AM

LIVING THE
JESUS
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a study of James



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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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

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.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis-tress.
 3. God our Fa - ther tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
 4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish; blows the wind and it is gone.
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face.

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us; res - cues us from all our
 But while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing
 Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, all who dwell in time and

sing? Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise the ev - er - last-ing King.
 bless. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, glor - ious in his faith-ful - ness.
 foes. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, wide - ly as his mer-cy goes.
 on. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 space. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise with us the God of grace!

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.

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

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.

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!

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 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

Seated

O God Beyond All Praising

Chancel Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end;
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still;
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry; Music: Gustav Holst; arr. Dan Forrest

*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

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Isaiah 40:8

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.

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.

Text & tune: Matt Boswell, Bryan Fowler, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa
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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.

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 Praise God

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voi - ces,
 2. O may this boun- teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God, the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
 who won- drous things has done, in whom the world re - joic - es.
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,
 Who, from our moth - er's arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore.
 with count- less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858
 Tune: NUN DANKET; Johann Crüger, 1637

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

Nu La Oss Takke Gut

E. Hovland

Liturgist: Eric Schmidt

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

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 to learn more or to make a gift.

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.

