

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 27, 2024

6:30PM



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

Get connected at Central



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.

Worshiping as a Family

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families. A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.

Accessibility

Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Welcome Registry

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.

Prayer

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.

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-va-tion! All ye who
shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gent-ly sus-tain-eth! Hast thou not
sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee. Pon-der a-
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him. Let the A-



hear, now to his tem-ple draw near; join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
seen how all thy long-ings have been grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?
new what the Al-might-y can do, if with his love he be-friend thee.
men sound from his peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly fore'-er we a-dore him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN; *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665

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 of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
**Accept our thanks for all that you have done for us,
and fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Colossians 1:15-17

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Philippians 2:6-11

Though he was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ephesians 1:7-14

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

Isaiah 40:8

**We Give Thanks
for God and the
Gospel**

We respond to God by
affirming our trust in his
word.

Apostles' Creed

* "hell" here means the place or state of the dead, not a place or state of punishment. The creed affirms that Jesus experienced the full reality of human death as his soul was severed from his dead body until his resurrection restored the full unity of his person. ** "catholic" here means universal, not Roman Catholic.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.***

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

(Prayers of thanks for God and the gospel. Gather in small groups.)

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.

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

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another,
 and shall declare your mighty acts.

**On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
 and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
 and I will declare your greatness.

**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
 and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**We Give Thanks
 for Personal
 Blessings, Family,
 and Friends**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.
**The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
**You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**
The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
**The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
**The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth and sky and sea,
for the wonder of your creatures, large and small,

We thank you, Lord.

For our homes and for daily food and drink,
for our families and friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,
for hands to serve and feet to move,

We thank you, Lord.

For work to do and health and strength to work,
for Sabbath and rest and the joy of play,

We thank you, Lord.

For accomplishments that satisfy and delight us
for disappointments and failures that lead us to depend on you above all,

We thank you, Lord.

For preserving us in temptation and danger,
for healing and deliverance from sickness,

We thank you, Lord.

For light and truth in confusion,
for guidance and wisdom in doubt,

We thank you, Lord.

For comfort and hope in sorrow,
for patience in suffering and faithfulness in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For every good gift that shows us your power and glory,
for from you and through you and to you are all things,
**To you be all praise and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen**

(Prayers of thanks for God's personal blessings in our lives and in the lives of family and friends. Gather in small groups.)

We Praise God

This Is My Father's World



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get
 all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 the morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru-ler yet.
 This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair.
 This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done.
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 In the rus-ling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery where.
 Je-sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
 TUNE: TERRA BEATA; Franklin Sheppard, 1915

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Our Father,
we thank you that you have made us your family,
adopted by grace and heirs of an eternal inheritance.
We thank you that you have made us the body of Christ,
united by a common faith and his resurrection life.
We thank you that you have made us the temple of your Holy Spirit,
graced with your gifts and filled with your power to fulfill your loving mission.
We thank you that you have made us a kingdom of priests and a holy nation,
calling us out of darkness into your light,
uniting people from every tribe, nation, and language,
to proclaim your excellency in word and deed,
to love you and our neighbors with your abundant grace and love.
Father, we thank you.

Our heavenly High Priest,
we thank you for the blessings you have brought to humanity
through your church throughout the world.
We thank you for the means of grace,
for faithful teaching and preaching of your word,
for the grace of your sacraments,
for the gift of prayer,
for the fellowship and love of the communion of saints
in Christ our cornerstone.
Christ, we thank you.

Our Creator God,
we thank you that your Spirit is at work in your whole creation,
granting common grace to sustain the world.
Even when the world resists and rejects you,
we thank you that your image in every person bears witness
that you have made us for yourself and placed eternity in our hearts
to make us restless until we find our rest in you.
We thank you that you are the Creator who gives life to the world,
the Truth who reveals truth and guides toward wisdom,
the Righteous One who sustains goodness and restrains evil,
the Glorious One who inspires and preserves beauty.
Holy Spirit, we thank you.

Our conquering Redeemer King,
we thank you for the hope of glory,
for your servants who have departed from this life in faith
and for the memory and example of all that was true and good in their lives.
We thank you that we are numbered with them
in the great company of the redeemed through Jesus Christ our Lord.
We thank you for the certain hope that Christ will return
to resurrect your people and this broken world into immortal glory,
wiping away every tear, defeating the curse of sin and death,
and making all things new.

(Prayers for the ministry of Central Presbyterian Church.)

**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.**

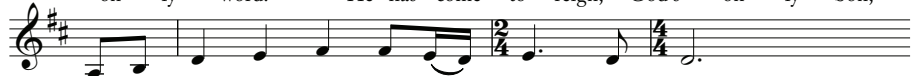
He Has Come to Reign



1. For the Lord our God, he is strong to save, from the depths of sin, from the
2. In the dark - est night, on the low - est hill, though I feel him not, he is
3. The true and liv - ing God we serve, his truth will stand, the



deep - est grave. Ev - er faith - ful is his a - bound - ing word:
 faith - ful still. He is com - ing in all his right - eous - ness,
 on - ly word. He has come to reign, God's on - ly Son;



"Fear not my child, I've o - ver - come the world." (to vs. 2)
 I will wait for him in this lone - li - ness. (to *chorus*)
 Je - sus Christ, our King, he has o - ver - come. (to *chorus* 2x)

Chorus:



He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts, we will doubt and fear no more.



He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts, all we lost He will re - store.

Text and tune: Sherdonna Denholm
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And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology

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: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

**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.

Liturgist: Rev. Cole Lescher

Musicians: Rev. Dr. Mike Farley, *piano*

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.

Tree Lighting and Advent Workshop

Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us on Wednesday, December 4th for our annual Tree Lighting and Advent Workshop! This is a special event in the life of our church, and a great way to kick off the Christmas season. And of course, it will include a great dinner in Fellowship Hall! Schedule for the evening is as follows:

4:00 pm – “Decking the Halls”: a chance to help put up Christmas decorations all around campus

5:00 pm – Advent Workshop: kids crafts and activities at various creative stations

5:30 pm – Dinner: free and delicious!

6:30 pm – Tree Lighting and Caroling

Christmas Concert

Year after year, Central's Christmas Concert is a wonderful way to be inspired by the awe and wonder of Christmas. We invite you and your friends to join us here at Central on Friday evening, December 13th. The concert begins at 7:30 pm, but we advise arriving early as this event is always at maximum capacity. Come join us and be blessed by this spectacular event!

Christmas Eve Schedule

Christmas Eve is on Tuesday, December 24th. Our schedule is as follows:

4:30 pm – Children's Pageant and Family Worship

7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service

9:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service

We always need extra volunteers for Christmas Eve! If you would like to serve as an usher, greeter, or parking attendant, please contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com).

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

