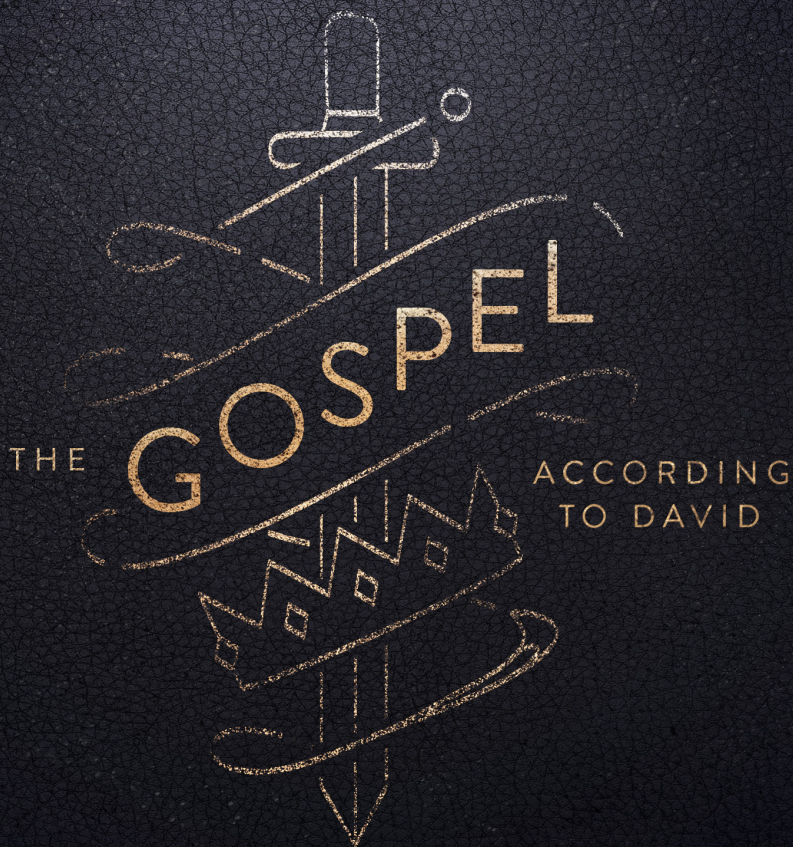


ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 6, 2025

9:00AM



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: 9:00am & 11:00am

Brunch: 10:00am

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.

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Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Horns: Tim Arrington, Jill Clayton,
Matthew Mazzoni, Allen Stith

John B. Dykes; arr. Wesley D. Peters

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 106:1; 86:5

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

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.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Re - joice! The Lord is King, your Lord and King a - dore.
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love,
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n.
4. He sits at God's right hand 'till all his foes sub - mit,
5. Re - joice in glor - ious hope! Je - sus the judge shall come,

Re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er more.
when he had purged our stains he took his seat a - bove.
The keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.
and bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744
Tune: DARWALL'S 148th; John Darwall, 1770

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.

from Revelation 3:19; Proverbs 28:13

Jesus said, “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”
Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that our hearts are bent toward evil,
and we are too easily lured by sinful desires
to wander from your way like lost sheep.
We have often closed our hearts to you,
refusing to repent and return to you
when your Spirit convicts and guides us.
We have ignored or delighted in sins
that we should have hated and put to death,
and we have willingly broken your holy law
in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Lord, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, turn our wandering hearts back to you in true repentance and faith in Christ. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may hate our sin with godly sorrow and turn to you with confidence in your mercy, with delight in your will, and with new commitment to walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God Calls Us to 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 Peter 2:24; Romans 8:1-2

Jesus 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. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

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!

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.

And Can It Be? (Hymn #203)



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so in - fi -
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spi - rit lay fast bound in sin and
 4. No con - dem - nat - tion now I dread: Je - sus, and all in

Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For me, who
 nite his grace! Emp - tied him - self of all but love, and bled for
 na - ture's night. Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning ray: I woke - the
 him is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in

him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how can it
 Ad - am's help - less race! 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
 dun - geon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my heart was
 right - eous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

be That Thou, my God, should die for me?
 free, for O my God, it found out me.
 free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed Thee.
 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

A - maz - ing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?

Seated

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Vocal Ensemble

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on You, when sorrows rise,
On You when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To You I tell each rising grief, for You alone can heal;
Your Word can bring a sweet relief for ev'ry pain I feel.

Have You not bid me seek Your face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find a place to breathe my sorrows there.

O gracious God, where shall I flee? You are my only trust;
My weary soul will cleave to You, though prostrate in the dust.
Your mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Your will, and wait beneath Your feet.

Dear refuge of my weary soul, I wait beneath Your feet.

Words & Music by Anne Steele; arr. Shelton Ridge Love

*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.

2 Samuel 12:1-25

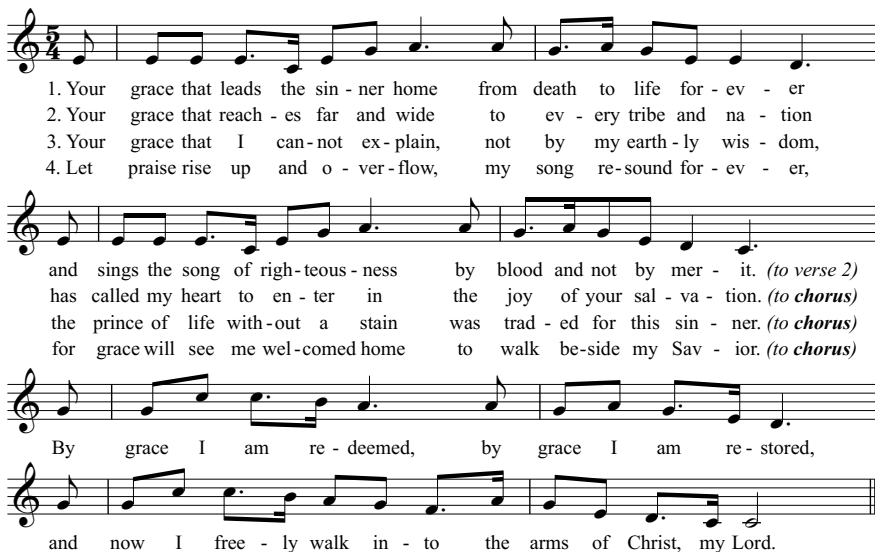
The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

“Lessons in Loyalty” – Rev. Taylor Bruce

pew Bible page 263

Isaiah 40:8

Grace



1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home from death to life for - ev - er
2. Your grace that reach - es far and wide to ev - ery tribe and na - tion
3. Your grace that I can - not ex - plain, not by my earth - ly wis - dom,
4. Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow, my song re - sound for - ev - er,
and sings the song of righ - teous - ness by blood and not by mer - it. (to verse 2)
has called my heart to en - ter in the joy of your sal - va - tion. (to chorus)
the prince of life with - out a stain was trad - ed for this sin - ner. (to chorus)
for grace will see me wel - come home to walk be - side my Sav - ior. (to chorus)
By grace I am re - deemed, by grace I am re - stored,
and now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

Text and tune: Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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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 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.

1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear
 shad - ow of turn - ing with thee. Thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright
 pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!
 Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed thy
 hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 Tune: FAITHFULNESS; William M. Runyan, 1923

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

Toccata Brevis

D. Gawthrop

Liturgist: Matt Woodson

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano* and *organ*; Bridget Boyle, Jill Clayton, Jonathan Pollmann, Brent Reed, *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.

Sunday Brunch, All Month Long

Our summer brunch tradition is back today and continues through the month of July. The brunch takes place in Fellowship Hall between services. It is free, and all are welcome. This is a great season to invite a friend or neighbor to church, and a great way to connect with other Central friends.

Connect and Grow – Men's Ministry

The next "Brotherhood and Breakfast" event is Saturday, July 12, at 8:30 am in the Student Center. It's an informal time for men to bond over bagels and other continental breakfast fare. We will enjoy both casual conversations and a group discussion of some practical, spiritual questions about being a man like Christ in a confusing world. Contact us at info@centralpres.com for questions or more information.

Join Our PEEPs Ministry Staff

Central Presbyterian's early childhood education program, PEEPs, is presently seeking substitutes and teachers to join our staff team. From 8:15-2:15 on M, W, and F, we train kids to love God and each other. Embedded in recess and the alphabet are stories of God's love and provision. PEEPs is much more than a preschool, it is a great place for kids and staff alike to experience the great love of Christ. A teaching degree is not required to teach at PEEPs. If you would like to learn more, please contact us at info@centralpres.com.

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.

