



# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

February 11, 2024, 9:15 AM  
Central Christian Church

## About our service:

We want worship to be comfortable for you. Feel free to bring your **coffee** with you into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an **offering** with us if you are motivated. Simply deposit your offering in the box on the south wall of the worship area or follow prompts to text-to-give or to give online.

## MEDITATION TABLE:

### STONES & VASE

Use the stones as a physical representation of your burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

### CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

### COMFORT CROSS

Feel free to pick up a cross and take it with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally. His comfort, care, and transformative power is at work for you, in you, and through you today and always. Receive it. Praise God and share His never-ending love with others.

### SCRIPTURE CARDS

Feel free to read and take one of the Scripture cards with you. You are encouraged to place it where you will see it throughout your week as a reminder of God's message for you.

### PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.



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## Why Ashes?

*"... You are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen. 3:19)*

The ashes we wear on Ash Wednesday remind us that we are sinners before God. God wants us to love and trust only God. But to sin is to turn away from God's love and trust, which reduces us to ashes.

*Ashes remind us that we owe our existence to God*

*but like Adam and Eve we prefer to make our own rules.*

*Ashes remind us that God wants what's best for us*

*but like Jonah we prefer to trust ourselves & pursue our own wants.*

*Ashes remind us that God is our God and we are God's people,*

*but like Abraham and Sarah, we sometimes doubt God's promises.*

*Ashes remind us that we can be "All In" with God on days,*

*but turn & run away from God when things are difficult.*

But ashes are also used to make soap, which cleanses us. Ashes remind us of God's cleansing forgiveness as well. God promises us raise us up from the dust and ashes of our human frailty and brokenness to abundant life. We don't wear ashes on Ash Wednesday because we've been especially sinful today. Rather, we wear ashes as a reminder that that as we were created from the dust, so shall our bodies return to the dust; and that without God's love sacrificed for us in Jesus Christ, there would be no salvation.

## Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table **during the communion time**. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let Pastor Michael or Pastor Vicky know after worship.

## Living By Your Eulogy

What are 3 ways you want to be remembered when you are eulogized?

What are 2 things you can start doing (for each one) to begin living that way now?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

### Responsive Reading

Leader: The Lord came to Solomon in a dream and asked, "What do you want me to give to you?"

**People: We come into the presence of God, seeking to be fed and nourished as Solomon was.**

Leader: Solomon asked for wisdom, understanding and discernment.

**People: We come seeking these same spiritual gifts, so that we might fulfill our purpose on earth.**

Leader: People came from the ends of the earth to be blessed by Solomon's wisdom.

**People: May we live to serve others as Solomon did, & leave a legacy of faithfulness that lives on after us.**

#### Serving Sunday, 2/11

Elder - Theresa Fulk  
Deacon - Ellen & Ryan Damery  
Greeter - Andy & Theresa Fulk  
Liturgist - Marci Baumann  
Snacks - Marci Baumann

#### Serving Next Sunday, 2/18

Elder - Tom Spry  
Deacon - Laura & Matt Moma  
Greeter - Angie Horvath  
Liturgist - Greg Barnes  
Snacks - Angie Horvath