



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

November 12, 2023, 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.



Wifi= CCCGuest
No password
needed.

Get Ready for Dorcas Disciples' Fall Meeting!

On November 14th at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, we'll hear the compelling story of "Soldiers and Dogs" from Gary Shuck and then enjoy a yummy soup and sandwich dinner (\$7).

We'll have an opportunity to learn more about our all-church Christmas donation recipient – Webster-Cantrell Youth Advocacy. This community-based organization offers family and foster family care, nurturing and adoption services, as well as residential programs for girls and outpatient counseling.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 10th to Nancy Ellen Taylor at 217-872-9174 or xstr@sbcglobal.net to make sure we have enough delicious soup! Hope to see you November 14th!

Thanksgiving Potluck

On November 19, Fellowship will host a Thanksgiving potluck luncheon after the 10:30 service. Fellowship will provide turkey, ham, dressing, and rolls. We ask that if your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. We look forward to sharing a meal with our church family.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Just a reminder that the church and office will be closed on November 23rd and 24th to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will not have the normal printed "Visitor" newsletter that week, but will have a shortened email midweek update instead.

We hope that everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Caretaker Position Open

Central is looking to fill an open Caretaker position. Caretakers are those that, quite literally, take care of our building and grounds. We are looking for a good team member and someone who is willing to work 20 hours per week (including weekends).

If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact us at central@cccdisciples.org or 217-428-4336.

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.

Worship Extras

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSVUE)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

How to "Get Ready" now???

- 1) Strive to be Faithful
- 2) Seek to be Loving
- 3) Look for Hope
- 4) Encourage one another

Encourage = "Within the Heart"

Feeling, within the heart, that you can do something difficult

Responsive Reading

Leader: The journey ahead is always uncertain.

People: But we stand ready to encourage one another on the way.

Leader: The future before us is unpredictable.

People: But we stand firm in the faith, hope and love of Christ.

Leader: We never know what tomorrow will bring.

People: But we stand in the shadow of God's goodness, as we greet it together.

Serving Today

Elder – Matthew Swarthout
Deacon – Rod & Laurie Damery
Greeter – Andy & Theresa Fulk
Liturgist – Greg Barnes
Snacks – Angie Horvath

Serving Next Sunday, 11/19

Elder – Diana Ritter
Deacon – Louis & Laura Kappler
Greeter – Cheryl & Dave Zollinger
Liturgist – Travis Wilcoxen
Snacks – Randy & Deb Trei