

Prayer of Consecration

Kim Miller

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn

No. 560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (vs. 1, 3)

(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God
Dee Dee Gain, organ

J. S. Bach

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Fanfare for the Common Man*
 Aaron Copland
 Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Melinda McDonald

*Introit

*Opening Hymn *Blessed Assurance* (vs. 1, 3) No. 543

*Responsive Reading Keith Backes

Leader: God, you continue to pursue us
 and seek a close relationship with us.

People: This is good news!

Leader: God, your prophets of old have told us
 that you are the reliable one,

People: Not the gods in whom we have misplaced our loyalty.

Leader: You are our one, true God -
 gracious and persistent in loving us.

People: You, alone, can restore us and renew us.
 We rejoice in this good news!

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

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.

*Gloria Patri No. 35

A Time for All God's Children

David Martin

Prayer Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* (vs. 1, 3) No. 566

Pastoral Prayer Michael E. Karunas

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Central Interns

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Central Interns
(10:30) Anthem arr. Jack Schrader
 Precious Lord, Take my Hand

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 11:17-20 Pgs. 777 OT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *You Can Count On It*

Invitation to Discipleship

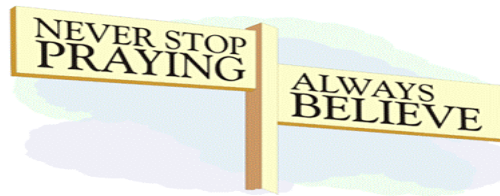
*Communion Hymn No. 562

Because He Lives (vs. 1, 3)
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Jeannie Backes

Words of Institution

Prayer List



Last updated 8/29/2025

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Debbie & Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
June Moutray
Mike & Carole Holbrook
Mickie Wilmot
Misty Mochel
Linda Kuhns
Don & Brenda Tankersley
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham
Dave Withrow
Karen McFadin
Larry & Debbie Foster
Shane Garver
The family of Bob Keller
The family of Tom Ritter

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Sally Thicksten (Randall Residence)
Bob Garrett (Primrose)
Dan & Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Don Boyd (Lincolnshire)
Yvonne Purcell (Evergreen)
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)
Glen Dalluge

Friends & Family

Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Harriette York (mother of David York)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot)
Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda)
Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jean Lucas (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Larry Baker (friend of Keith Backes & David Wagner)
Evelyn Drahovzal (friend of Charlotte Ballance)
Tina King (friend to many CCC members)
Sharyl Craggs (wife of Bob Craggs)
Curt & Malinda Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Sharolyn Esgar (daughter of Nancy Flamm)
Jim Story (friend of Maria Jacobs)
Tom & Jerry White (sister & brother-in-law of Joy Adams)
Sara Foreman (friend of Susan Bryant)
Kim Edwards (friend of Gale Barnes)
Deborah Stokes (Angie Ingram's stepmom)
Renee Spencer (daughter of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)
Jerry & Crystal Ridgely (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeff & Lori Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Dream (daughter of Unique Hess, friend of Janelle Beedle)
Pat Berry (friend of Angie Ingram)
Brett Moroney (grandson of Jeannie Rade)
Lee TerHark (brother of Kelly Hildum)
Mary Schilling (sister of Susan Bryant)
JeanEva Smallwood (mother of Nanette Frank)

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Ryan Smithson (grandson of Jim & Vicki Fitzpatrick)
Lucas May (nephew of Marci Baumann)
Nicholas Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Mason Penhallegon (nephew of Babs & Tom McKay)

Worship Extras
August 31, 2025

Ezekiel 11:17-20 NRSVUE

¹⁷Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. ¹⁹I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, August 31, 2025

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Kim Miller

August Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Jean & Jud Pease

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Troy Swinford, David Wagner

10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Andrea Shartzter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn, Charlotte Ballance

10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt., Donna Dash

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Keith Backes

Next Sunday, September 7, 2025

Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Gail Prince

September Prep Deacons: Carol Bischoff, Susan Bryant,
Carolyn Sunderlik

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Nancy King, Patti Swinford

10:30 - Keith Backes, Cole Shartzter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 5 - Mike Munos, Capt., Gerri Munos, Brad Munos,
Brittney Moran, Blair Moran, Bobby Munos, Julia Munos

10:30 - Team 10 - David Martin, Capt., Stephani Martin,
Gretchen Kirby

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Charlotte Ballance