

Communion Music

Edward Landin

Prelude on "St. Agnes"

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. 446

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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

Postlude

A Medieval Toccata
Grimoaldo Macchia
David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday, September 14, 2025

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Pedal Fantasy on "China"*
 Christopher Neal
 David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Melinda McDonald

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 619
 My Life Flows On (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*Responsive Reading Gretchen Kirby
Leader: We come to worship God, who calls us beloved.
People: Let us remember that we are the children of God.
Leader: We have been created for joy and delight.
People: Let us remember that we are the children of God.
Leader: We have been created to dance and sing
 and play in the presence of God.
All: Let us remember that we are the children of God.

*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 Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Hymn No. 102
 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (vs. 1, 4)

Pastoral Prayer Michael E. Karunas

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Jarrett Newsome

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Jarrett Newsome
(10:30) Anthem *The Glory of the Father* Egil Hovland

Scripture Reading Zechariah 8:1-8 Pg. 883 OT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Let us Play*

Invitation to Discipleship

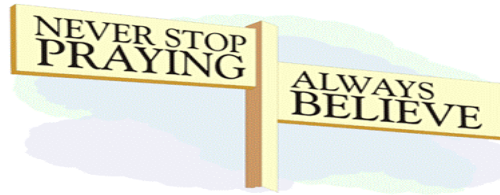
*Communion Hymn No. 588
 Have Thine Own Way, Lord! (vs. 1, 4)
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Brett Swallow

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 9/12/2025

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Debbie & Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
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
Bill Moutray
Brett Garver

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)

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)
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)
Joyce Wakeland (mother of Becky VanMeter)
All students, teachers, & school personnel
Keyva Kingston (cousin of Carley & Jarrett Bednar)

Worship Extras
September 14, 2025

Zechariah 8:1-8 NRSVUE

¹The word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying: ²"Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am zealous for Zion with great zeal, and I am zealous for her with great wrath.

³**Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain.**

⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age.

⁵**And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.**

⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts?

⁷**Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country, ⁸and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."**

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, September 14, 2025

Elders: Janet Lyman, Brett Swallow

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance/Troy Swinford

10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Rick Postlewait

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt., Dianne Devore

10:30 - Team 6 - Mark Kincaid, Donna Dash

Greeters:

8:00 - Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist: Gretchen Kirby

Next Sunday, September 21, 2025

Elders: Linda Rowden, Lea West

Outreach Communion Elders: Jeannie Backes, Susan Bryant, Gretchen Kirby, Kim Miller, Keela Neumann, Shirley Swarthout

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Peggy Carpunky, Gary Horvath

10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Bruce Campbell, Capt., Liz Campbell

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil,
Hugh & Linda Rowden

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin

10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Sue Ann Cain