

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Lea West

(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 *Ours the Journey* (vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 458

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

Postlude *Water Music: Allegro Vivace* G. F. Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Water Music: Air* G. F. Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Vicky Woolridge

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 480
I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Sue Ann Cain

Leader: We behold what manner of love that God has for us!

People: Lord God, you have even called us your children.

Leader: And, led by your Spirit, we respond to your love
and grace as children.

**People: May we, in turn, show people around us
your love and mercy.**

Leader: May we, like children, exclaim with joy
at the wonders of your world in small and large ways
such as the beauty of nature or gestures of goodwill.

**People: With the kind hearts and pure minds of children,
we worship you, dear 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

Prayer Hymn No. 485

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Pastoral Prayer Melinda McDonald

(8:00) Prayer Response

(10:30) Special music, Morgan Reckamp

Offertory Invitation Michael E. Karunas

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Morgan Reckamp

(10:30) Anthem *I Am Sending You* Mary McDonald

Scripture Reading Luke 9:46-48 Pg. 70 NT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *God in All Things*

Invitation to Discipleship

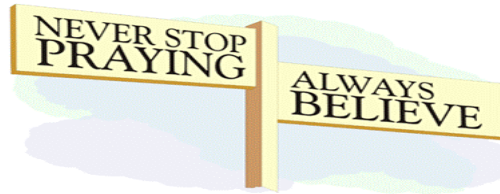
*Communion Hymn No. 382

We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs. 1, 3, 5)

*(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 Linda Rowden

Prayer List



Last updated 9/19/2025

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
Shovann Romero

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 21, 2025

Luke 9:46-48 NRSVUE

⁴⁶ An argument arose among them concerning which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me, for the least among all of you is the greatest."

Notes:

What Christmas Means to Me

We want your help! We are putting together a book of Christmas devotions and memoirs for the Advent Season. Beginning Nov. 30 until Christmas day, we would like to offer a personal reflection on the meaning of Christmas written by someone from our faith community. This is where you come in!

- *Tell us about a time in your life when the spirit of Christmas came alive.*
- *Tell us about a time when you experienced the "Christ" of Christmas*
- *What are you hoping for this Christmas?*
- *What does Christmas mean to you?*

Submissions can be any length, but 350-450 words is probably best

Submission are due by Friday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

You can email them to central@cccdisciples.org. If handwritten, you can mail them to church or bring them any Sunday and leave them in the Welcome Center.

Serving Schedule

Today, 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

Next Sunday, September 28, 2025

Elders: Theresa Fulk, Tom Spry

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Dianne Devore, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Scott Bicknell, Diana Ritter

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 3 - David King, Capt., Nancy King

10:30 - Team 8 - Diana Ritter, David Sheffer

Greeters:

8:00 - Julie & Ken Jacoby

10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Janet Lyman