

Prayer of Consecration

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

Jim Fitzpatrick

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. 518

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1, 3, 4)

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

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation
Dee Dee Gain, organ

arr. Mark Hayes

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday, January 18, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Give Me Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Vicky Woolridge

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 537
My Hope Is Built (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*Responsive Reading Keith Backes

Leader: God calls to us from unexpected places;
from holy ground hidden in ordinary moments.

People: We turn aside to see, for the Lord is present among us.

Leader: "I am the God of your ancestors," the Lord declares,
faithful across generations.

**People: We come to worship the great I AM,
the God who was, who is, and who will be.**

Leader: God calls ordinary people and sends them out
into the world for holy purposes.

**People: Here we are, Lord. As we worship, speak to us,
shape us and send us.**

*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. 501
There Is a Balm in Gilead (vs. 1, 3)

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Larry Wade

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Larry Wade
(10:30) Anthem *River in Judea* arr. John Leavitt

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-13; 4:1, 10 Pg. 50-51 OT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *One Direction* Michael E. Karunas

Invitation to Discipleship

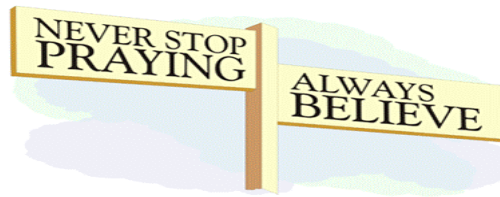
*Communion Hymn *Seek Ye First* No. 354

(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 Kim Maple

Words of Institution

Prayer List



Last updated 01/16/2026

Members

Evelyn Sanders
Debbie & Jim Hoffert
Gene Guthrie
Jim & Diane Denzer
Mike & Carole Holbrook
Misty Mochel
Linda Kuhns
Don & Brenda Tankersley
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham
Dave Withrow
Karen McFadin
Larry & Debbie Foster
Shane Garver
Bill Moutray
Shovann Romero
Bob Smith

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)
Cameron Hauhe (grandson-in-law of Cecil & Sheila Griffith)

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Bob Garrett (Randall Residence)
Dan & Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)
Dixie June Govro (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Yvonne Purcell (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)

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)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
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)
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)
Mary Schilling (sister of Susan Bryant)
JeanEva Smallwood (mother of Nanette Frank)
Jeff & Sally Brown (friends of many CCC members)
Lynne Clark (daughter of Bob Sarver)
Lucy Rapp (granddaughter of K & J)
Mary Peck (friend of Keith Backes)
Jennifer Maddox (sister of Fran Rutherford)
Byron Fast (husband of Martha Fast)
Sid Stone (brother of Cindy Soebbing)
Joe Sprinkle (nephew of Janet Gray)
Julie Chastain (sister of Mary Little)

Worship Extras
January 18, 2025

Exodus 3:1-13, NRSVUE

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ²**There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.** ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵**Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."** ⁶**He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."** And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹**The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.** ¹⁰**Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."** ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²**He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."** ¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

Exodus 4:1, 10, NRSVUE

¹ Then Moses answered, "But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.' "

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Serving Schedule

Today, January 18, 2025

Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Kim Maple

Outreach Communion Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Kim Maple, Linda Rowden, Tom Spry, Karen Wade, David Wagner

January Prep Deacons: Gregg & Linda Foltz*, Becky VanMeter

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Jane Davis, Julia Munos

10:30 - Mike Kirby, Steve Swarthout

Ushers:

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

10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt., Martha Fast

Greeters:

8:00 - Al & Chris Fagin

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist: Keith Backes

Next Sunday, January 25, 2026

Elders: Angie Ingram, Shirley Swarthout

January Prep Deacons: Gregg & Linda Foltz*, Becky VanMeter

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Debbie Hoffert, Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Roberta Gorden, Gretchen Kirby

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 - Dianne Devore, Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn