

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. 585

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (vs. 1, 3)

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

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday, January 25, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude	10 Pieces for an Organ Clock: #2 Allegro C. P. E. Bach Dee Dee Gain, organ	
Words of Welcome	Michael E. Karunas	
*Introit		
*Opening Hymn	Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1, 3)	No. 86
*Responsive Reading	Ellen Hearn	
Leader:	We come to worship God who is gracious and merciful.	
People:	Who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.	
Leader:	Who is always faithful to welcome us home,	
People:	No matter how far away we may have wandered.	
Leader:	With thanksgiving in our hearts and praises on our lips	
People:	We rejoice that we find our true home in 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	David Martin	

Prayer Hymn

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! (vs. 1, 3)

No. 545

Pastoral Prayer

Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology

No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Special Music, Ben Hawkinson

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:10 – 4:5

Pg. 861 OT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Taking the Long Way Home*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn

Just as I Am, Without One Plea (vs. 1, 3, 4)

No. 339

(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

Angie Ingram

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

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

Shirley Swarthout

Prayer List



Last updated 01/23/2026

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)
Sebastian Smallwood (great-nephew of Bill & Nanette Frank)
TJ & Paulette Jackson & family (friends of Donna Dash)

Worship Extras

January 25, 2026

Jonah 3:10 - 4:5, NRSVUE

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

¹ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, 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

Next Sunday, February 1, 2026

Elders: Kim Miller, Krista Rohrscheib

February Prep Deacons: Christine Lyman-Harm, Denise* & Matthew Swarthout

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - David King, David Wagner

10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Luke Kirby

Ushers:

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

10:30 - Team 6 - Ron & Terry Grant, Mark Kincaid

Greeters:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Hugh Rowden