

Meditation

Tom Spry

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Matthew Swarthout

*(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. 480

*I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1, 3)*

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

Postlude

*Prelude in G Minor*  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

J. S. Bach

*\*All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)  
Decatur, Illinois

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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Central Christian Church

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.*

Prelude *Andantino* César Franck  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Vicky Woolridge

\*Introit

\*Opening Hymn No. 195  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

\*Responsive Reading Shirley Swarthout  
Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**People: We come to Christ, the One who nourishes our souls and satisfies our deepest longing.**

Leader: All who come to Him are welcomed; none are turned away.

**People: We gather in faith, trusting in the grace and mercy of our Savior.**

Leader: This is the will of God – that all who look to the Son and believe in Him may have eternal life.

**People: We lift our hearts in hope, for Christ holds us securely in His love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Bread of Life who sustains us now and always.

**People: With grateful hearts, we worship the Lord!**

\*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. 432  
*O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life*

Pastoral Prayer

(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 *Agnus Dei* Peter Williams

Scripture Reading John 6:35-40 Pg. 98 NT

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

Sermon *"Balancing Bread and Word"*

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Communion Hymn No. 576  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (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.)*

# Prayer List



Last updated 03/13/2026

## Members

Evelyn Sanders  
Debbie & Jim Hoffert  
Gene Guthrie  
Jim & Diane Denzer  
Mike & Carole Holbrook  
Linda Kuhns  
Jack Dixon & Sue Burkham  
Dave Withrow  
Karen McFadin  
Larry & Debbie Foster  
Shane Garver  
Bill Moutray  
Bob Smith  
Jean Maggioncalda  
Liz Campbell

## 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 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)  
Nicholas Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Janet Deakins (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Bob Garrett (The Loft)  
Dixie June Govro (The Loft)  
Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)  
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)  
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)  
Sebastian Smallwood (great-nephew of Bill & Nanette Frank)  
TJ & Paulette Jackson & family (friends of Donna Dash)  
Sheena Green (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)

Worship Extras  
March 15, 2026

John 6:35-40, NRSVUE

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>**Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away,** <sup>38</sup>**for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.** <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

**Notes:**

Serving Schedule

Today, March 15, 2026

**Elders:** Tom Spry, Matthew Swarthout

**Outreach Communion Elders:** Jeannie Backes, Linda Foltz, Gretchen Kirby, Christine Lyman-Harm, Rebecca Monroe, Gail Prince

**March Prep Deacons:** Mary Jane Linton, Linda Zinn\*

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Bobby Munos

10:30 - David Martin, Rick Thomas

**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 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Luke Kirby

**Liturgist:** Shirley Swarthout

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Next Sunday, March 22, 2026

**Elders:** Jim Fitzpatrick, Dave Wagner

**March Prep Deacons:** Mary Jane Linton, Linda Zinn\*

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Sandy Garver, Sid Rohrscheib

10:30 - Julie Jones, Ron Oliver

**Ushers:**

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

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

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Mike Kirby

**Liturgist:** Janet Lyman