

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. 22
All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1, 2, 3)
(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)

Postlude *Royal Fanfare* Arthur Bliss
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Sunday, April 26, 2026
Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Grace*
Georg Philipp Telemann
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 518
This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1, 2, 4)

*Responsive Reading Keith Backes
Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.
**People: God is always with us,
even when we don't sense God's presence.**
Leader: We need not fear, for God gives us strength and hope.
**People: Lord, open our hearts and minds
so we can follow You faithfully.**
All: Let us worship 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. 59
This Is My Father's World (vs. 1, 2)

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Morgan Reckamp

Offertory Invitation Melinda McDonald

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication
(8:00) Special Music, Morgan Reckamp
(10:30) Anthem *In This Very Room* Ron & Carol Harris

Scripture Reading I Peter 2:4-10 Pg. 233 NT
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Holding on to Rejected Stones*

Invitation to Discipleship

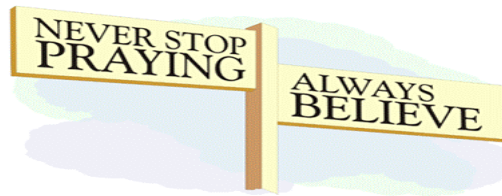
*Communion Hymn No. 62
Creator God, Creating Still
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Gail Prince

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 04/24/2026

Members

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

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)
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)
Nedra Brintlinger (Primrose)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Bill Moutray (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Karen McFadin (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)

Friends & Family (continued...)

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)
Sheena Green (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Greg Barnes' father
Sharron and Wayne Coleman (relatives of the Barnes family)
Cruze Jacobs (great-grandson of Bruce & Liz Campbell)

Worship Extras

April 26, 2026

I Peter 2:4-10, NRSVUE

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus

Christ. ⁶ **For it stands in scripture:**

**"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

**"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"**

⁸ and

**"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."**

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ **But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,

but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, April 26, 2026

Elders: Christine Lyman-Harm, Gail Prince

April Prep Deacons: Larry* & Michele Bafford, Dianne DeVore,
Betsy Tietz

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Nancy King, Patti Swinford

10:30 - Scott Bicknell, Andrea Shartzter

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash

10:30 - Martha Fast, Suzie Miller

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist: Keith Backes

Next Sunday, May 3, 2026

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Rebecca Monroe

May Prep Deacons: Beth Calvert, David & Nancy* King

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Troy Swinford

10:30 - Mary Little, Diana Ritter

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn