

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

Love: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Marc Jordan

David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

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Sunday, July 19, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *They'll Know We Are Christians*
arr. Lyndell Leatherman
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Vicky Woolridge

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 517
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*Responsive Reading Keith Backes
Leader: From the lands of the familiar, we set out on a journey of faith
People: To join in the biblical story.
Leader: God guides us in doing the things that Jesus taught us.
People: With great joy, we offer our whole lives as treasures
All: To honor Christ 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. 265
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Doug Blakey

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Doug Blakey
(10:30) Anthem *Majesty* arr. Jack Schrader

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 1-6, 8-9, 11-12 Pg. 2 NT

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

Sermon *The Greatest Gift* Melinda McDonald

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 494
They'll Know We Are Christians (vs. 1, 2, 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.)

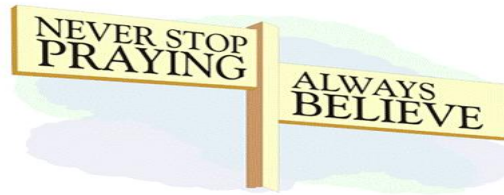
Meditation Linda Foltz

Words of Institution

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

Communion Music arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Prayer List



Last updated 07/17/2026

Members

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

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)
Dave & Nita Phillips (Primrose)
Eleanor Pritts (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Bill Moutray (The Arc at Hickory Pt.)
Yvonne Purcell (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Karen McFadin (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)
Maxine Koenig (Eagle Ridge)

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)

Friends & Family (continued...)

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)
Jeff & Sally Brown (friends of many CCC members)
Lynne Clark (daughter of Bob Sarver)
Lucy Rapp (granddaughter of K & J)
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)
Lisa Campbell (daughter of Bruce & Liz Campbell)
Dee Dee Gain (organist)
Tony (brother of Angie Ingram)
Maks (friend of Angie Ingram)
Rev. Dr. William Crowder & Dr. Stephanie
Buckhanon-Crowder & Will Crowder

Worship Extras
July 19, 2026

Matthew 2: 1-6, 8-9, 11-12, NRSVUE

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, **“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.”** ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ **They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:**

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” [Micah 5:2, 4]

⁸ **Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”** ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹¹ **On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.** ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Questions for Reflection:

What does this story tell us about God/Jesus?

Tell a story about your search for meaning as a Christ-follower. How did you change?

Serving Schedule

Today, July 19, 2026

Elders: Linda Foltz, David York

Elder Outreach Communion: Jim Fitzpatrick, Linda Foltz, Gretchen Kirby, Julie Martin, Dave Wagner, Lea West

July Prep Deacons: Stephani Martin, Krista* & Sid Rohrscheib

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Gary Horvath, David King

10:30 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Linda Thomas

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 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash

10:30 - Nanette & William Frank

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Keith Backes

Next Sunday, July 26, 2026

Elders: Tom Spry, Lea West

July Prep Deacons: Stephani Martin, Krista* & Sid Rohrscheib

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Doug Blakey, Mike Munos

10:30 - Dale Ford, Tom Jones

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn