

Prayer of Consecration

Kim Maple

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

Communion Music

Just As I Am

arr. David Paxton

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. 560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (vs. 1, 3)

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

Postlude

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Tom Birchwood

David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday, August 16, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*
arr. Mark Hayes/Douglas E. Wagner
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 4
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Responsive Reading Keith Backes
Leader: We come from different places, carrying different stories,
hopes, worries, and dreams.

People: Yet we come together as One people to worship One God.

Leader: Though there are many things that divide us,
when we sing together, our voices become one.

**People: One voice may be beautiful. One voice may be strong.
But something even more powerful emerges
when many voices join together.**

Leader: We are part of the One body of Christ.
Here, there is a place for every voice.

**People: Let us lay aside the things that separate us, and come together
in faith; in worship; and in song.**

*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

Blessing of the Backpacks David Martin

Prayer Hymn *My Life Flows On* (vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 619

Pastoral Prayer Melinda McDonald

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, John Baird

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, John Baird
(10:30) Anthem *Jesus, Remember Me*

Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15, 18b-20 Pg. 194 & 195 NT

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

Sermon *How Can We Keep from Singing?*

Invitation to Discipleship

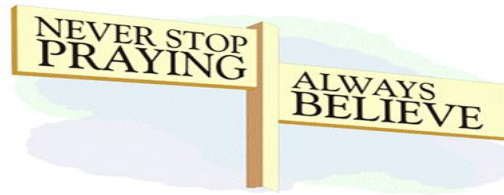
*Communion Hymn No. 339
Just as I Am, Without One Plea (vs. 1, 3, 4)

(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 Jeannie Backes

Words of Institution

Prayer List



Last updated 08/14/2026

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
Leon Bolin
Bill Moutray

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.)
Yvonne Purcell (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Karen McFadin (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)
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)
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)
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
August 16, 2026

Ephesians 5:15, 18b-20, NRSVUE

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁸ ... (and) be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, August 16, 2026

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Kim Maple

Outreach Communion Elders: Kim Maple, Kim Miller, Krista Rohrscheib, Linda Rowden, Tom Spry, Karen Wade

August Prep Deacons: Nancy Hanover*, Jud Pease

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Bobby Munos

10:30 - Roberta Gorden, Gretchen Kirby

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 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Keith Backes

Next Sunday, August 23, 2026

Elders: Kim Miller, Krista Rohrscheib

August Prep Deacons: Nancy Hanover*, Jud Pease

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Sandy Garver, Sid Rohrscheib

10:30 - Jeannie Backes, Luke 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 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn