

Prayer of Consecration

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

Communion Music

James Mansfield

Meditation on "Assurance"

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

Standing on the Promises (vs. 1, 4)

No. 552

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

Postlude

Fantasia on "Duke Street"

David Paxton

David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* arr. Sarah Douglas
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 95
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (vs. 1, 4, 5)

*Responsive Reading Shirley Swarthout
Leader: When the words of Christ reach our hearts,
how shall we respond?

People: We turn toward God, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Leader: When we recognize the places where we have fallen short,
what shall we do?

**People: We repent, knowing that God's mercy is greater
than our failures.**

Leader: When we wonder whether God is still at work among us,
what shall we remember?

**People: God has poured out the Holy Spirit,
and God's Spirit is still moving among us.**

Leader: We come, not because we are perfect,
but because God is gracious.

People: Let us worship the God who calls us to a new way of life.

*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 *Here I Am, Lord* (vs. 1, 3) No. 452

Pastoral Prayer Melinda McDonald

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Jocelyn Bettarelli

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Jocelyn Bettarelli
(10:30) Anthem *Shine, Jesus Shine* arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-18 Pg. 18 NT
Acts 2:37-38 Pg. 120 NT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Who do YOU say that I am?*

Invitation to Discipleship

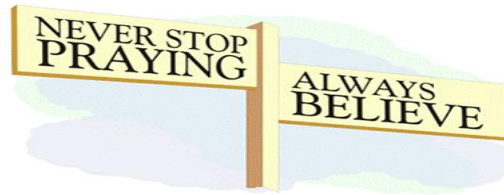
*Communion Hymn No. 543
Blessed Assurance (vs. 1, 3)

*(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.)*

Meditation David York

Words of Institution

Prayer List



Last updated 09/04/2026

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
Jim Nuernberger

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)
Jahala Demoulin (Vonderleith)

Friends & Family

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 & 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)
Lorraine French (aunt of David King)
Jeannie Coffman (friend of Connie Bordner)
Bonnie, Will, & Holly Kroening (sister, brother-in-law, and niece of Tom McKay)

Worship Extras
September 6, 2026

Matthew 16:13-18, NRSVUE

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴**And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”** ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶**Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”** ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Acts 2:37-38, NRSVUE

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, September 6, 2026

Elders: David Martin, David York

September Prep Deacons: Susan Bryant*, Christine Lyman-Harm, Carolyn Sunderlik

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Jane Davis, Julia Munos

10:30 - Scott Bicknell, Andrea Shartzner

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 2 - Bruce Campbell, Capt., Liz Campbell, Charlotte Ballance

10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Hugh & Linda Rowden

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Brett Swallow

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Shirley Swarthout

Next Sunday, September 13, 2026

Elders: Christine Lyman-Harm, Gail Prince

September Prep Deacons: Susan Bryant*, Christine Lyman-Harm, Carolyn Sunderlik

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Debbie Hoffert, Carolyn McCall

10:30 - Mary Little, Diana Ritter

Ushers:

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

10:30 - Team 8 - Diana Ritter, David Sheffer, Bob & Bev Dondeville

Greeters:

8:00 - Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

10:30 - Martha Fast, Suzie Miller

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Janet Lyman