

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. 453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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

Postlude

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday, October 4, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Gabriel's Oboe* Ennio Morricone
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 464
God of Grace and God of Glory (vs. 1, 4, 5)

*Responsive Reading Andy Fulk

Leader: Come, people of God, and gather in the vineyard of the Lord.

**People: We come to worship the One who has given us life,
grace, and abundance.**

Leader: God is our generous Creator, bestowing blessings upon us
and entrusting them to our care.

**People: All good gifts come from God's hand and we receive them
with humility and gratitude.**

Leader: Let us offer our lives, our gifts,
and our hearts to God in joyful response.

**People: May we serve one another with the same generous love
God has given to us.**

*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. 382
We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Pastoral Prayer Melinda McDonald

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Diego Rivera

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Diego Rivera
(10:30) Anthem *Be Not Afraid* Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading Mark 12:1-9 Pg. 48 NT

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

Sermon *The Relentlessly Hopeful Landowner*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 560
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (vs. 1, 3)

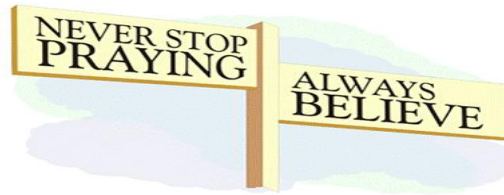
*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of
faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing
of this Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Jeannie Backes

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 10/02/2026

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)
Patrick Shafter (son of Lee & Susan Shafter)

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 (Vonderlieth)



The Flowers in the Chancel This Morning...

were placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Deborah Ann Downey (October 5), Mother, Grandmother, Sister-In-Law, Aunt, and Great-Aunt and to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wilma M. Downey (October 7), Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother for their birthdays, by the Jim Bednar and the Dennis Downey families.

Friends & Family

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)
Jim Story (friend of Maria Jacobs)
Kim Edwards (friend of Gale Barnes)
Deborah Stokes (Angie Ingram's stepmom)
Jeff & Lori Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Brett Moroney (grandson of Jeannie Rade)
Jeff & Sally Brown (friends of many CCC members)
Lynne Clark (daughter of Bob Sarver)
Lucy Rapp (granddaughter of Ken & Julie Jacoby)
Jennifer Maddox (sister of Fran Rutherford)
Sid Stone (brother of Cindy Soebbing)
Sebastian Smallwood (great-nephew of Bill & Nanette Frank)
Sheena Green (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
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)
Cherrick family (preschool family)

Worship Extras
October 4, 2026

Mark 12:1-9, NRSVUE

¹ Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. ² When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵ Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, October 4, 2026

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Julie Martin

October Prep Deacons: Julie & Tom Jones, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Charlotte Ballance, Troy Swinford

10:30 - David Martin, Rick Thomas

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Dianne DeVore, Carolyn Sunderlik

10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Keith Backes

Liturgist: Andy Fulk

Next Sunday, October 11, 2026

Elders: Tom Spry, Matthew Swarthout

October Prep Deacons: Julie & Tom Jones, Kim Miller, Suzie Miller*

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Doug Blakey, Mike Munos

10:30 - Julie Jones, Ron Oliver

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 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash

10:30 - Andy & Theresa Fulk

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Luke Kirby

Liturgist: Jordan Backes