

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. 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

Heroic March

Franz Joseph Haydn

Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

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Sunday, October 18, 2026

Central Christian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Caccia*
Norman Dello-Joio
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 276
We Gather Together (vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Ellen Hearn
Leader: Jesus tells of a manager who acted thoughtfully
when the future was uncertain.
People: Lord, teach us to use what we have with wisdom and purpose.
Leader: Jesus reminds us: "All that we have and hold
is entrusted to us by God."
**People: Lord, help us to be faithful stewards of our time,
gifts, and resources.**
Leader: Jesus desires that our choices reflect care for our neighbors
and hope for the days ahead.
People: Lord, make us generous, prudent, and ready to serve.
All: We come with grateful hearts. 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 *Seek Ye First* No. 354

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 *O Be Joyful in the Lord* Elanor Daley

Scripture Reading Luke 16:1-9 Pg. 79 NT

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

Sermon *A Parable of Coming Home*

Invitation to Discipleship

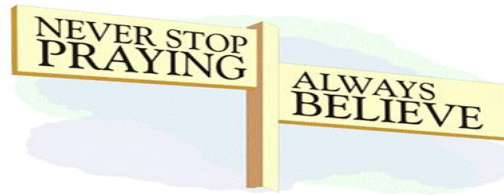
*Communion Hymn No. 578
I Need Thee Every Hour (vs. 1, 3, 4)
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation David Wagner

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 10/16/2026

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.)
Karen McFadin (Mt. Zion Health & Rehab Center)
Leona Bray (Tanglewood)
Jahala Demoulin (Vonderlieth)

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 & Kay Story (friends 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 18, 2026

Luke 16:1-9, NRSVUE

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, October 18, 2026

Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Dave Wagner

Outreach Communion Elders: Jeannie Backes, Linda Foltz, Gretchen Kirby, Julie Martin, Rebecca Monroe, Lea West

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Dianne DeVore, Betsy Tietz

10:30 - Mike Kirby, Steve Swarthout

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Dick & Sue Ann Cain

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Bobby Munos

10:30 - Jordan Backes

Liturgist: Ellen Hearn

Next Sunday, October 25, 2026

Elders: Kim Miller, Linda Rowden

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

Offering Deacons:

8:00 - Peggy Carpunky, Ellen Hearn

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 - Carolyn McCall, Gail Prince

10:30 - Bob & Mary Jane Linton

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Mike Kirby

Liturgist: Janet Lyman