Words of Institution

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

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. 272
The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 2, 5)

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

Postlude — *Royal Fireworks Music: The Rejoicing*
George Frederick Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, October 25, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *God of Grace* arr. Paul Manz
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 7
When in Our Music God Is Glorified (vs. 1, 3, 5)

*Responsive Reading Janet Lyman
Leader: Come, one and all, to join God's dinner table:
the food is ready and the table is set.
**People: Yet, are we ready to accept the invitation to
God's all-inclusive fellowship meal?**
Leader: Come, one and all, just as you are;
God welcomes you to join in a great feast.
**People: Are we ready to be co-hosts for great feasts,
offering food and drink to those who society does not
honor as worthwhile equals?**
Leader: Let us offer our lives, our gifts, and our hearts to God
with humility and joy!
**People: May we live into the reality that God's kingdom
is happening now whenever we show God's grace
and compassion. Come, 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 No. 16
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1, 2)

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Ben Hawkinson

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Ben Hawkinson
(10:30) Anthem arr. Joel Raney
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Scripture Reading Luke 14:13-23 Pg. 77 NT

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

Sermon *The Parable About Important Table Talk*
Rev. Melinda McDonald

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 517
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (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 Kim Miller

Prayer List



Last updated 10/23/2026

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

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)
Bonnie, Will, & Holly Kroening (sister, brother-in-law, and niece of Tom McKay)

Worship Extras
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Luke 14:13-23, NASB

13 But whenever you give a banquet, invite people who are poor, who
have disabilities, who are limping, *and* people who are blind; 14 and you
will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you
will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
15 Now when one of those who were reclining *at the table* with Him heard
this, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the
kingdom of God!"
Parable of the Dinner
16 But He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited
many; 17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to tell those who had
been invited, 'Come, because everything is ready now.' 18 And *yet* they
all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I purchased a
field and I need to go out to look at it; please consider me excused.'
19 And another one said, 'I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to
try them out; please consider me excused.' 20 And another one said, 'I
took a woman as my wife, and for that reason I cannot come.' 21 And the
slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the
household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the
streets and lanes of the city and bring in here those who are poor, those
with disabilities, those who are blind, and those who are limping.' 22 And
later the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and
still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the
roads and the hedges and press upon *them* to come in, so that my house
will be filled.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, 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

Next Sunday, November 1, 2026

Elders: Kim Maple, Krista Rohrscheib
November Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Carolyn & Tim* Pistorius
Offering Deacons:
8:00 - Jim Fitzpatrick, Bobby Munos
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 - Sandy Garver, Karen Penn
10:30 - Jeannie & Keith Backes
P.A. Operator:
8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib
10:30 - Keith Backes
Liturgist: Shirley Swarthout