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. 651
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Henry Purcell
Dee Dee Gain, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, November 8, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Prelude in C* J. S. Bach
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Melinda McDonald

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 622
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Keith Backes
Leader: When we find ourselves lost, God answers our call for help.
People: We cry out from our confusion, and God brings us home.
Leader: God's grace reaches out to rescue us when we feel lonely, broken, or far from where we thought we ought to be.
People: We are not forgotten. We are sought, pursued, and held by God's loving embrace.
Leader: We come to worship God who finds us, loves us, and makes us whole.
People: With grateful hearts, we praise 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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (vs. 1, 3) No. 86

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Morgan Reckamp

Offertory Invitation Michael E. Karunas

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Morgan Reckamp
(10:30) Anthem *A Scottish Blessing* David Blackwell

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:10-14 Pg. 20 NT

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

Sermon *No "What Ifs…" and No "What Abouts…"*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 395
Seed, Scattered and Sown (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 Angie Ingram

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 11/06/2026

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

Members in Nursing Home or 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)

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)

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)

Friends & Family, cont.

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
November 8, 2026

Matthew 18:10-14, NRSVUE

10 "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you,
in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.
12 What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them
has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and
go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell
you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went
astray. 14 So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these
little ones should be lost.

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, November 8, 2026

Elders: Angie Ingram, Shirley Swarthout
November Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Carolyn & Tim* Pistorius
Offering Deacons:
8:00 - Sandy Garver
10:30 - Keith Backes, Cole Shartzer
Ushers:
8:00 - Team 1 - Carolyn Sunderlik, Capt.
10:30 - Team 6 - Ron & Terry Grant, Mark Kincaid
Greeters:
8:00 - (open)
10:30 - Gregg & Linda Foltz
P.A. Operator:
8:00 - Bobby Munos
10:30 - Luke Kirby
Liturgist: Keith Backes

Next Sunday, November 15, 2026

Elders: David Martin, David York
Outreach Communion Elders: Jim Fitzpatrick, Kim Maple, Linda Rowden, Tom Spry, Karen Wade, Dave Wagner
November Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Carolyn & Tim* Pistorius
Offering Deacons:
8:00 - Gail Prince
10:30 - Scott Bicknell, Andrea Shartzer
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 - Carolyn Sunderlik
10:30 - Brett Swallow
P.A. Operator:
8:00 - Donna Dash
10:30 - Jordan Backes
Liturgist: Ellen Hearn