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 *Let All Things Now Living* No. 717

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

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Michael E. Karunas
Senior Minister

Vicky Woolridge
Pastor for Families

Melinda McDonald
Pastor for Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care

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**All who are able, please stand*



Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

Sunday, November 22, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *Thanks Be To Thee* G. F. Handel
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Introit

*Opening Hymn No. 718
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (vs. 1, 3)

*Responsive Reading Scott Woolridge
Leader: We come with grateful hearts to worship
a loving and gracious God.
**People: We give thanks for the gift of life,
with its blessings and challenges.**
Leader: We give thanks that God is our constant companion
in all of life's circumstances.
People: May our thankfulness overflow in generous acts of kindness.
Leader: And may we shine with the light of God's love,
People: Uplifted and filled by our time of worship together.

*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 *For Beauty of Meadows* (vs. 1, 3) No. 696

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response
(10:30) Special music, Jane Cussins

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

(8:00) Special Music, Jane Cussins
(10:30) Anthem arr. Douglas Wagner
In The Silence of this Moment

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:24-30 Pg. 14 NT

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

Sermon *The Parable of BOTH...AND*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn No. 709
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (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 Christine Lyman-Harm

Words of Institution

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

Prayer List



Last updated 11/20/2026

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
Dianne DeVore

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)
Davie Poland (Fair Havens)

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
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)
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)

Friends & Family, cont.

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)
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)
Jamel Monson (friend of CCC)
Laura Malone (Dee Dee Gain's daughter)

Worship Extras
November 22, 2026

Matthew 13:24-30, NRSVUE

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while
everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the
wheat and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore
grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the
householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed
in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered,
'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us
to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds
you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow
together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,
Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather
the wheat into my barn.' "

Questions to ponder over the next week:

1. What are the "good seeds" in your life these days that bring you joy?
2. What are the "bad seeds" that have grown into struggles and challenges that you are experiencing these days?
3. If you are in a place to be a helper, WHO will you offer your support to, and what will that look like?
4. If you are in a place where you need help, WHO will you turn to?

Notes:

Serving Schedule

Today, November 22, 2026

Elders: Christine Lyman-Harm, Gail Prince
November Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Carolyn & Tim* Pistorius
Offering Deacons:
8:00 - Jane Davis, Julia Munos
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 - Charlotte Ballance, Donna Dash
10:30 - Martha Fast, Suzie Miller
P.A. Operator:
8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib
10:30 - Mike Kirby
Liturgist: Scott Woolridge

Next Sunday, November 29, 2026

Elders: Jeannie Backes, Shirley Swarthout
November Prep Deacons: Donna Dash, Carolyn & Tim* Pistorius
Offering Deacons:
8:00 - Debbie Hoffert, Carolyn McCall
10:30 - Dale Ford, Tom Jones
Ushers:
8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn
10:30 - Team 9 - Suzie Miller, Capt., Martha Fast
Greeters:
8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert
10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford
P.A. Operator:
8:00 - Bobby Munos
10:30 - Keith Backes
Liturgist: Sue Ann Cain