



WELCOME TO CENTRAL

# Between Here and Heaven

OCTOBER 22, 2023



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Central is a caring community of faith that includes members, friends, and visitors. We give thought to those who are rarely or currently not able to attend worship here. **Today, we keep in our prayers Mary Lou Gilstad.**

## CHILDREN

Children are a beloved part of our community and always welcome in the sanctuary with you. At the back of the room are activity bags and books for them to enjoy during their time in worship. Infants through age 6 are also invited to spend the worship hour in our nursery on the upper level, playing and learning together. Changing tables are available in our restrooms with diapering supplies available in the nursery.

## FLOWERS

If you would like to bring flowers to place on the chancel for worship in recognition of a special moment or event, contact the office.

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## ACCESSIBILITY



Large print worship bulletins and hymns are available from the ushers or in back of the sanctuary.



The sanctuary is T-coil enabled for those with the hearing aid technology. Sound amplification devices are also available from ushers.



Reserved accessible parking and a wheelchair ramp are available in the MPR lot off 9th Street East. Accessible restrooms are in the hall by side sanctuary doors and on the lower level.

## PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot, KCP lot, and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across Cedar Street. If parking in the ramp, see an usher for a voucher to pay your ramp fees.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Central Presbyterian Church occupies the sacred land of the Dakota people. Broken treaties and the systematic loss of life and land led directly to the availability of this sacred space which we presume to possess today. Our faith demands confession of the evils from which we benefit, action to support Indigenous peoples seeking justice, and lives guided by love. We keep this in our minds and hearts as we worship today. For the full statement of our commitment to action, visit our website at [www.centralforgood.org/land](http://www.centralforgood.org/land).

# Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church

Whether you are sharing worship with us in our historic sanctuary or watching online, we hope you feel the vitality of our people, our ministry and our focus on the present. If you are looking for a place to put your faith into action or for a community to provide support and inspiration, we are looking for you. Central is open and affirming of all people. If you are visiting today, we invite you to fill out a Connect card in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

As we gather in this space to worship, let us listen for God's voice by silencing our cell phones and using the music to bring us into a time of reflection and prayer.

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit

## We Gather in God's Presence

### PRELUDE

Melanie Ohnstad, organist

*El Flautista Alegre* (by by Ramón Noble)

*Bossa Nova on Wunderbarer König* (by Johannes Matthias Michel)

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Laurel Severson

One: I was glad when they said to me,

All: **'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'**

One: For the sake of all people I will say, 'Peace be within you.'

All: **For the sake of the house of our God, I will seek your good.**

### ✦ OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you have made the world full of holy places where we might encounter your living presence and know your glory. Open us to your holiness in this space and in every place you dwell amongst us.

### ✦ HYMN

*Earth and All Stars*

Hymn #26

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

One: The peace of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In the sure hope of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God, we confess before you and in the presence of our siblings that we have sinned. We have seen others and your creation as things to possess rather than that which we honor. We have tried to contain you within walls,**

forgetting that you are beyond all our constructs. In your mercy, forgive our small capacities and limited imaginations, and open us to a broader sense of your sacred presence. In Jesus' name, we pray.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: From the beginning of all things, God had in mind to create, redeem, and sustain all things for good. Therefore, with the confidence of the children of God, we proclaim:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### We Listen for God's Voice

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Jennifer Anderson

*Please see announcements for details on today's ministry programs. If you are new to Central, please come with your child in order to meet our staff and provide emergency contact information.*

#### SENDING SONG

*Go Now in Peace* (by N. Sleeth) - United States

Go now in peace, Go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you are speaking. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and follow your call. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING - John 2:13-22

#### SOLO

Melanie Ohnstad, organist

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* (by R. Hobby)

#### SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30

#### SERMON - "Between Here and Heaven"

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

### We Respond to God's Gifts

#### HYMN

Hymn #404

*What Is This Place*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Parent, O Spiritual One,  
Your Name be truly honored.  
Your Movement spread, your will prevail  
Through earth, as through the heavens.  
Grant us sustaining bread each day.  
Forgive our debts as we forgive  
The debts of all who cannot pay.  
And from confusion keep us clear;  
Deliver us from evil's sway.  
For the Movement, Power, and Honor are yours,  
From now until the end.

## CALL FOR OFFERING

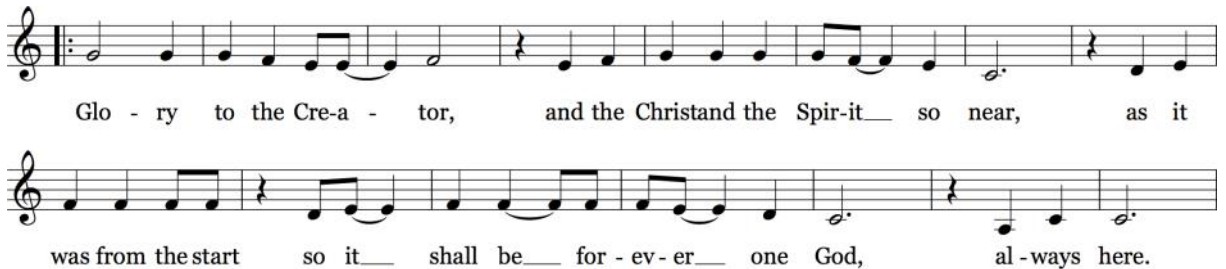
*You are invited to place offering gifts and completed pew cards in the plates  
as ushers pass them. You may also give online at [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give)  
or submit to the office during normal office hours.*

## OFFERTORY

Central Choir; Melanie Ohnstad, organist

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (by R.E. Martin)*

## ✦ DOXOLOGY



Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ and the Spir-it\_\_ so near, as it  
was from the start so it\_\_ shall be\_\_ for - ev - er\_\_ one God, al - ways here.

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are generous. As we return a portion of what you have given us, may it be used to proclaim your love in words and actions, here and everywhere. Amen.

## We Are Sent Into God's World

## ✦ HYMN

*Let Us Build a House*

Hymn #301

✦ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION** - Adapted from Jeremiah 29

One: We have gathered together in this sacred place to worship God, be formed as disciples of Jesus, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. God is now sending us out to bless the world.

All: **Therefore we will seek the good of the city where God has called us. We will pray for it, open our doors with compassion, serve our neighbors, and be attentive to God's presence; for in its good we will find our own.**

One: God is out there.

All: **Let us go forth!**

**POSTLUDE**

*God is Here!* (by R. Hobby)

Melanie Ohnstad, organist

# GIVING

Be it regular giving, special offerings, or a donation drive, Central offers a variety of options to fit your needs.



**Drop in the Offering Plate**  
Each Sunday during worship



**Mail a Check**  
500 Cedar St, St. Paul, MN 55101



**Deliver In Person**  
Bring to office (M-Th 9am-3:30pm)



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Text givecentral to 73256.



**Bank Account Transfer**  
Set up one time or recurring online

Have Questions? Call (651) 224-4728 ext. 100 or email [office@centralforgood.org](mailto:office@centralforgood.org).

## Announcements

View our church calendar and share upcoming events at [www.centralforgood.org/calendar](http://www.centralforgood.org/calendar).

### In Children & Youth Ministry Today

**CHILDREN AGE BIRTH – 6:** Our beautiful nursery is staffed by professional caregivers and full of fun toys and good friends. Childcare is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. today.

**GRADES 1 – 5:** Sunday Connection class follows the Time for Children. Sign your child in at the back table near the Ushers. Pick up in the Orange Room upstairs at 11:30.

**GRADES 6 – 8:** Sunday Connection class follows the Time for Children. Sign your child in at the back table near the Ushers. Pick up in the Orange Room upstairs at 11:30.

If you are new to Central, or have questions about ministry for those under 18, we invite you to reach out to Jennifer Anderson at [jennifera@centralforgood.org](mailto:jennifera@centralforgood.org).

### Building Tour Today

Today our stewardship theme focuses on our building facilities. What better way to understand this than to take a tour around this historic space? Discover areas you have not yet visited before and hear interesting details about this long standing structure and the many changes it has undergone.

The tour will run from 11:40 a.m. to noon. To participate, Fluryanne Leach in the sanctuary.

### Faith Formation Class

#### NOVEMBER TOPIC: HEALTH CARE

Health care is a critical issue for human rights. This is true for issues that dominate contemporary political discourse - take access to gender-affirming care - as well as broader issues like who gets access to health care, and how health care contributes to a thriving life.

As readers of the Bible, we believe, or at least suspect, that God has something to say to us about a good and thriving life for all through the words of Scripture. And yet it's difficult to know how to be in conversation about modern issues with a document written in the ancient near east with vastly different assumptions and access to basic knowledge (the germ theory of disease wasn't widely accepted until just over 150 years ago!).

On November 5th at 11:45 a.m., we'll have some of that conversation. We'll identify the ways in which access to health care is part of a thriving life, how we can be responsible readers of the Bible as we look for God's intentions for the good of all, and how we might act in the world in response to that intersection. Join us, bring an open mind, and bring your questions.

## Interested in Becoming a Member of Central?

Join us after worship TODAY (October 22) for a new members Inquirer's Class to learn more about what membership at Central means – who we are, what we believe, and why being a member matters.

Even for the life-long Presbyterian, participation in this class is a chance to connect with others who are new, get to know the pastor, and learn about the many opportunities for fellowship and service that are unique to this congregation.

We'll gather from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m., including a brief tour of parts of our historic building you may not have seen yet!

## All-Church, All-Ages Variety Show Next Sunday!

Do you juggle or dance? How about play guitar or know a joke or two? Come and share your talent, and cheer on others, at our All-Ages Talent Show on Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 pm.

A little nervous about doing something on your own? Find a few church friends to join you! It's more fun when more people are involved! (If we have more acts than we have space for, preference will be given to the acts that have more people involved.)

To register your act for the talent show, simply fill out the form to the right and return to the office or email the details to Jennifer Anderson at [jennifera@centralforgood.org](mailto:jennifera@centralforgood.org).

### TALENT SHOW SIGN UP FORM OCTOBER 29 | 6:30 P.M.



Name of Act:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Names of all people involved:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What will you be performing?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long is your act? \_\_\_\_\_  
(If it's longer than 5 minutes, trim it down.)

Do you need special equipment?  
(e.g. Music stand, piano, microphone)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you need someone to accompany you?  
(If yes, please attach the music to this form.)  
YES NO

**Sign up deadline is October 22, 2023.**

HAVE QUESTIONS?  
Jennifer Anderson,  
Director of Music & Youth Ministry  
(651) 224-4728 ext. 103



## Will You Step Up to Serve Others in the Community?

Volunteers are again needed at the St. Paul Opportunity Center on Saturday, November 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 8-10 volunteers are needed to serve lunch and help with meal prep. You must be at least 14 years old and wear appropriate closed toe shoes. (Those under 18 must be supervised by an adult.)

St Paul Opportunity Center is part of Catholic Charities, located at 422 Dorothy Day Place St. Paul, MN 55102. If you are interested in volunteering, simply visit Central's website at [www.centralforgood.org/volunteer](http://www.centralforgood.org/volunteer). There a link will take you to the Catholic Charities website to register.

## Save the Date!

On Tuesday, November 14, the Women of Central will be gathering again for their networking group. This time, they are heading to the Loon Café, just a few blocks from Central.

You can meet them at Central at 5:15 p.m. to walk over with the group, or meet them there at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [women@centralforgood.org](mailto:women@centralforgood.org) by September 27.

This group is open to all women at Central, including members, visitors, and guests. It is a great way to connect with others and build relationships with those of all ages and backgrounds.

# STAY CONNECTED!



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# Living Our Values

## STEWARDSHIP

From now through November 12, we'll be highlighting the ministries of Central Presbyterian Church during this season of stewardship. Our budget is one way that we put our values into practice, and we invite you to consider how your gifts can help us do the ministry God is calling us towards together.

**Today, we are highlighting our facilities as part of how we do ministry.**

From serving meals to our neighbors every week to providing for worship with soaring architecture, our building is a landmark in downtown Saint Paul. Caring for our facilities ensures that they help us do the ministry we are called to, and honors this as sacred space, pointing towards God.

As you consider this ministry and the many others of Central, we invite you to do a few things:

- Read through the packet titled "Living Our Values." These are available at the doors to the sanctuary, and are a "look under the hood" at how our finances work, and where we hope to go.
- Consider your gift and pray about it. Your decision to give financially is an act of trust in this congregation and in God. While we'll never ask you to give more than is financially sound for you, we do hope that you will consider what's possible as part of our shared community of faith.
- Make a pledge by November 12th. We ask for pledges and regular giving because it helps us budget wisely. By letting us know your plan, we'll be able to plan for the coming year and the ministry we'll do together.

Thank you. You are making possible the witness and ministry of this church within these walls, and beyond as God sends us out.

**Read about our stewardship goals at [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give).**

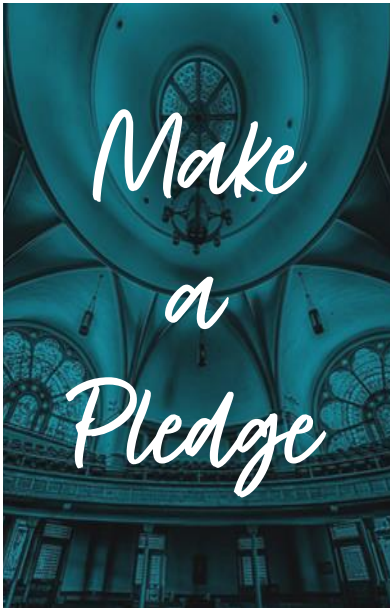
## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CENTRAL!

See if you are correct by comparing answers on the bottom of the back page.

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Year the cornerstone was laid?               | A. Steam                    |
| 2. Seating capacity of the sanctuary?           | B. Dr. Henry Noble          |
| 3. Height of the sanctuary dome in feet?        | C. 1889                     |
| 4. Noted African American who spoke here?       | D. 2700                     |
| 5. Number of pipes in the organ?                | E. 60                       |
| 6. Original cost of the building?               | F. William Howard Taft      |
| 7. Architectural style of the building?         | G. 1100                     |
| 8. Supreme Court Justice who spoke here?        | H. Booker T. Washington     |
| 9. Cost of remaining exterior restoration work? | I. \$1,000,000              |
| 10. What is used to heat the building?          | J. 2020                     |
| 11. Year restoration work started?              | K. \$110,000                |
| 12. Longest serving pastor?                     | L. Richardsonian Romanesque |

### BONUS QUESTION

Can you name the locations of the original fireplaces? *(Hint: There are five!)*



### YES, I WANT TO GIVE!

\_\_\_\_\_ Please provide me a box of weekly offering envelopes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to pay monthly by direct bank transfer.  
(Set up online at [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give))

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call me about donating stock or investments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to make a donation by credit card or text.  
(See how at [www.centralforgood.org/give](http://www.centralforgood.org/give))

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make a special year-end gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

My pledge is \$\_\_\_\_\_ / week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your financial gift.

# This Week at Central

## SUNDAY 10/22

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. New Members Inquirers' Class
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

## MONDAY 10/23

- 7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee

## TUESDAY 10/24

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Task Force

## WEDNESDAY 10/18

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
- 7:15 p.m. Central Choir Rehearsal

## SUNDAY 10/22

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

## NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Pastor Chris preaches on 2 Chronicles 5:2, 11-14 as we celebrate music and the arts in worship. Music includes the Central Choir with Tonia Hughes Kendrick and Alex Woods, piano. At 6:30 p.m. return for Central's all-church, all-ages talent show!

Lounge, Nursery, Fireside Room, Pastor's Office,  
North Side Hallway

BONUS QUESTION:

1. C 2. G 3. F 4. H 5. D 6. K  
7. L 8. F 9. I 10. A 11. J 12. B

ANSWERS:

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