



WELCOME TO CENTRAL
Unselective Hearing
NOVEMBER 12, 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 Carol Neske.**

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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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.

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

Ana El Na - Please, God, Heal Us (Traditional, by Karen Siegel)
I Lift My Voice (by Andrea Ramsey)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP - From Micah 6

Margaret Cellette

One: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

Many: **Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?**

One: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you?

Many: **But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.**

✦ OPENING PRAYER

Your love is justice, because you love and stand with those who are poor, who are oppressed, who are pushed to the margins, whose voices are silenced. Make us disciples of your loving justice that we might too stand alongside those seeking justice. Help us to follow the lead of those who struggle for justice and equity, hearing your voice through theirs.

✦ HYMN

Be the Change (by Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt)

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

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

All: **And also with you.**

5. Be the Change

Words adapted from Gandhi (attr.)

Music by Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt
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Steady (♩ = 88)

Melody

1. Be the change _____ you want to see in the world, be the change
2. Be the voice _____ you want to hear in the world, be the voice
3. Be the light _____ you want to shine in the world, be the light

Harmony

C/G

G

Cadd9

Am7

_____ you want to see in the world, be the change _____ you want to
_____ you want to hear in the world, be the voice _____ you want to
_____ you want to shine in the world, be the light _____ you want to

B7

Em

Am7

C/D

G

see in the world,
hear in the world,
shine in the world, } and change will come _____ to you. _____

Rhythm for hand taps on heart:



Suggested percussion groove:



Always include songwriters' names when posting recordings. Link to this PDF: <http://songs.justicechoir.org/BeTheChange>

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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 one another that we have sinned. We participate a world marked by inequity, where the powerful overcome the weak, and often do not know how to make a change. We benefit from histories and systems of injustice, and yet do not know how to put a stick in the spokes of a wheel that is running people down. In your mercy, forgive our complicity and show us how to resist for the sake of your Gospel, good news for the oppressed.**

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)

**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 - Isaiah 61:1-4

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SERMON - "Unselective Hearing"

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

We Respond to God's Gifts

✦ HYMN

One Foot/ Lead With Love (by Melanie DeMore)

Refrain:

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love

Melanie writes: "I was inspired by the great movements that were started out of the love for their people, not out of the hatred of others."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Adapted from Clarence Jordan's Cotton Patch Gospel

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.

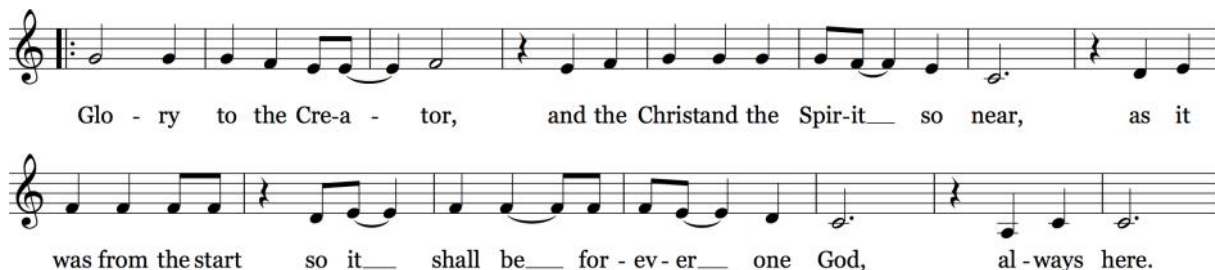
CALL FOR OFFERING

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 or submit to the office during normal office hours.

OFFERTORY

We Walk in Love (by Deanna Witkowski)

✦ 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.

✦ DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

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

Sing for Justice (words by Brennan Blue)

All who want peace, sing for justice, join in the call!
Justice is love's public story open to all.
Harmony is born of diff'rence, notes and chords of lived experience.
All who want peace, sing for justice, join in the call!

If you want peace, sing for justice, gather in song!
Here we join with friends and strangers, all may belong.
You who bring hope, fear, or sorrow,
help us sing a new tomorrow.
If you want peace, sing for justice, gather in song!

We who want peace, work for justice, so shall we grow.
We will work to see the day when all may be whole.
Naming truths while burdens bearing, singing, sharing, learning, caring.
We who want peace, work for justice, so shall we grow.

✦ CHARGE & BLESSING - 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

Announcements

View our church calendar and share upcoming events at 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 K—8 are invited up to the Galilee Room for Sunday Connection with the first pageant rehearsal. Sign your child in at the back table near the Ushers.

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.

Artist Reception Today

Please join us for an artist's reception after worship in the Friendship Room. Over the past weeks, nature photography by Central member Mel Leach has graced our fellowship space. Hear from him as he talks about his process and experience with photography in locations both familiar and exceptional.

Food Drive Collection Today

Central's Hunger Initiative Task Force and Mission & Justice Committee are sponsoring a donation drive today to benefit the Keystone food shelf on Rice Street. This is a great opportunity to put your FAITH into ACTION.

If you have not brought a food item to donate, you can still make a financial contribution!

Financial contributions enable bulk food buys for a "bigger bang for the buck." You make a financial gift via check made out to Central

Presbyterian Church with "Keystone" noted on the memo field of your check. Use the Special Offering envelopes in your pew and place your donations in the offering plate, or return to the office. Any questions, contact Leon Oman through the church office.

Call to Congregational Meeting

An in-person congregational meeting to elect officers will be held next Sunday, November 19 immediately following worship. All active members of the Central congregation are eligible to vote and be considered for office. A list of nominees for vacant positions on the Session and Board of Deacons will be presented by the Nominating Committee, as well as nominations for next year's Nominating Committee member-at-large positions. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.



Calling All Children & Youth: Join This Year's Christmas Pageant!

It is not yet Thanksgiving, but preparations are already underway for this year's season of Advent. Get ready for another fun, yet meaningful, Christmas pageant!

Rehearsals will be held on November 12, 19 and December 3 during worship. (Parts will be assigned at the first rehearsal TODAY!)

Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

The pageant will be shared in worship on December 10. Be sure to invite your grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, godparents, and friends! This will be a wonderful morning of storytelling.

Parental help is also needed with props and costumes. Reach out to Jennifer Anderson if you can be part of the team!



THE ADVENT SEASON LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY UPON US!

Mark your calendars to join us throughout the coming season as we prepare ourselves for Christ's coming.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - 10:30 A.M.
Advent begins with soloist Clara Osowski.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 10:00 A.M.
Deck the Halls Brunch with the Women of Central and Decorating at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 10:30 A.M.
Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 9:30 A.M.
Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. (Prior rehearsals on will be held on November 12, 19, and December 3).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 10:30 A.M.
Third Sunday of Advent including presentation of the Children's Pageant.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 10:30 A.M.
Advent service featuring *Nine Lessons and Carols* and soloist Tonia Hughes Kendrick.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service. (There will be no morning worship service).

Book Study with the Anti-Racism Task Force

On November 16 at 7:00 p.m. the Anti-Racism Task Force is hosting on Zoom a discussion of *In the Night of Memory* by Indigenous author and professor Linda LaGarde Grover. Hailed as "a moving story of loss and recovery in Native America... a remarkable achievement," this novel follows a mother who surrenders her daughters to the courts, only to become another in a long history of missing Native women. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$15 or by emailing Anna at office@centralforgood.org.

Women's Networking Group

On Tuesday, November 14 the Women of Central are heading to the Loon Café (426 St. Peter St., St. Paul), just a few blocks from Central, for their monthly networking group. This group is open to all women of Central, including all ages and backgrounds. This is a great way to meet and connect with others in our community.

To participate, meet at Central at 5:15 p.m. to walk to the Loon together or meet the group at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please RSVP so a reservation can be made to women@centralforgood.org.

Sign Up for News Updates

Want to learn more about church news and events? Sign up for our weekly eConnect email or monthly newsletter on our website at www.centralforgood.org/newsletter or reach out to the office.



YES, I WANT TO GIVE! (RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE)

- 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)
- Please contact me about donating stock or other investments.
- I want to donate via by credit card. (www.centralforgood.org/give)
- I would like to make a special year-end gift of \$_____.



My pledge for 2024 is \$_____ per week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for your financial gift.



Living Our Values

STEWARDSHIP

Throughout our stewardship season, we've been highlighting the ministries of Central Presbyterian Church in order to illuminate how our financial commitments put into practice the things we care about most deeply.

Today, we are highlighting Central's ministry of Mission and Justice.

Mission and justice are at the very heart of our ministry because it has been God's clarion call from the Hebrew Scriptures to today. We love our neighbors in words and in actions, particularly those most marginalized, because that's exactly where Jesus leads us.

Today is also the final day of our stewardship season, during which we've invited you to make a pledge for the 2024 budget. If you haven't yet, there's still time to do so. A pledge of any amount helps us plan faithfully for the year ahead. You can do that by tearing out the pledge card in this bulletin, or by finding one from an usher.

Of course, this is not the last day we will welcome your pledge. But the sooner we have that pledge, the better prepared our Session will be in these closing weeks of the year.

And to everybody in this congregation who gives of their time, energy, intelligence, money, and so much more, thank you! You make the ministry of this church possible inside and outside of these walls.

**Read about our stewardship goals and ways to give at
www.centralforgood.org/give.**

This Week at Central

SUNDAY 11/12

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:45 a.m. Chamber Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 11/13

- 6:00 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY 11/14

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Women's Networking Group
(meets at Loon Café)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY 11/15

- 10:30 a.m. Peaceful Presence
- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
- 7:15 p.m. Central Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 11/16

- 5:30 p.m. Connection Circle (on Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Book Study with the
Anti-Racism Task Force

SUNDAY 11/19

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Third Sunday Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. Lifeboats Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Compass Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Tonia Hughes Kendrick is back and joins the Central Choir and Alex Woods for music of gratitude and thanks! After worship, join us for the brief annual meeting at which we'll elect new officers for Session and the Board of Elders.

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