

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – October 8

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

### MONDAY – October 9

7:00pm Deacons (Fitch Parlor)

### WEDNESDAY – October 11

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

1:00pm Circle 20/20 (Fitch Parlor)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY – October 12

5:30pm Dinner at Westminster Village

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

**Guess who's coming to dinner at Westminster Village...YOU!** Eat and fellowship with other Centralites on Thursday, October 12. Gather at 5:30 p.m. in the Firefly Room (in the main building) with serve time at 5:45 p.m.: 2741 N Salisbury St, West Lafayette, IN 47906. RSVP to Jennifer Brown or the church office by October 9.

**PMO Heart & Soul** will be our musical guests during worship Sunday, October 22. Heart & Soul is a dynamic, soulful and inspirational mixed-voice ensemble of 30 singers. The group specializes in gospel and contemporary Christian music, sprinkled with an occasional soul or R&B tune. Heart & Soul's worship presentation is made possible through gifts to the Munro Choir fund of the Central Presbyterian Foundation.

**The Peace & Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice. Today is the final Sunday to place your check in the offering basket with "Special Offering" on the memo line.

**Sunday School** will resume October 15 at 9:00am. The series on planning and living a good end will take place every other week in the Fitch Parlor. These classes will help you develop and communicate your plans to your loved ones, professional services and the church. No need to sign-up.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski

Adult Music & Organist: Jeffry Stearns

Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak

Celebration Music: Paul Foster

Custodian: Bob Hill

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# Central Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023



## Welcome

### Prelude

"In the Garden"

(Charles A. Miles)

### \*Call to Worship

Roy Johnson

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**People: May our worship reflect God's glory.**

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**People: We commune with Christians around the world,  
with Christians throughout time.**

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

**People: Let us worship!**

### \*Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us this earth as a beautiful vineyard. We have neglected it. Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us people to care for with love. We have often remained indifferent to them. Christ, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us our faith as a plant to grow.

We have cared little for it. Lord, have mercy.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Merciful and tender God, forgive us all our sins  
through the sacrifice of your Son and lead us to everlasting life.

**People: Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: Hear the good news: Be assured that God's love is sufficient. In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil, and the refreshment of life-giving water, we have been given all that we need. God hears our cries, and comes to save us. Through Christ, we may lay aside our sins; through Christ, we know we are safe.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Congregational Response**

“Glory to God in the Highest” (back cover Hymnal)

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** Psalm 80:7-15

**Anthem** “Psalm 57” (Charles Webb)

**Second Reading** Matthew 21:33-46

**Message** “Christ, Our Cornerstone and Vine” José Soto

**\*Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living” 37

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (page 35 Hymnal)

**\*Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” 581

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation to Offering**

*The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.*

**Offertory** “We Bow Down” (Twila Paris)

**\*Doxology** 606

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for Your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within Your loving purpose. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” 394

### **\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Concluding Voluntary” (R.G. Thompson)



*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*José Soto is a ruling elder from First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City, active in session and serving as their Mission Committee chairperson. He is currently enrolled with the Presbytery of Wabash Valley's Ministry Formation Program: a cohort designed to prepare ruling elders commissioned for particular pastoral service to congregations with limited resources. Josée is also a member of our presbytery's Communications & Visioning Committee.*



## **In Our Prayers** ✨

We pray for the family of Miriam Epple-Heath as she enters the Church Triumphant. Thanksgiving and praise for the successful Rise Against Hunger event last Sunday. Over 20,000 meals were packed in 2 hours! We pray for Ron Overton for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friend, Norma Doyle.

The Congregational Letters this morning are for the families of Anna Baktay and Miriam Epple-Heath. Please add your name and best thoughts to the letters found at the back of the sanctuary.