

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – August 20

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

### WEDNESDAY – August 23

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY – August 24

7:00pm Central Choir (Rehearsal Hall)

**Our Congregational Letter** located at the back of the church is for Jennifer Brown. Please add your best wishes for her.

**Generosity GPS** is a way of navigating our way through the stewardship of God's gifts entrusted to us. We continue to find ourselves exploring the encompassing journey of stewardship with many stops along the way. It is not what we do once year, nor is it only a financial exercise.

**Central Church Choir** begins weekly rehearsals this Thursday at 7:00pm in the rehearsal hall. We are open to all who are interested in sharing their musical gifts through worship. Please come join us. See Jeff Stearns for any questions.

**Daughters of the Most High:** Women's Voices in Scripture is the theme for the next three weeks in worship. Joins us as we explore the stories of three extraordinary women: Rahab, Esther and Lydia.

**Rise Against Hunger is coming October 1.** Rise Against Hunger is a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. Join your fellow Centralities in packing 20,000 nutrient-packed meals in two hours. Everyday Rise Against Hunger meals are served around the globe in medical clinics, vocational training programs, elder care facilities and schools. All hands are welcome.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski  
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffry Stearns  
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak  
Celebration Music: Paul Foster  
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# Central Presbyterian Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Generosity GPS

August 20, 2023

## Welcome

### Prelude

“Good, Good Father”

(Brown, Barrett)

### \*Call to Worship

Chip Goldsberry

Leader: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.**

Leader: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!**

### \*Hymn

“O Worship the King”

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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him.

**People: This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is good news to share with all people!**

## \*Congregational Response

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

## \*Passing of the Peace

## Prayer for Illumination

## First Reading

Psalm 85:8-13

## Anthem

“Image of God” (Wells, Witt)

## Second Reading

Matthew 14:22-23

## Message

“Generosity GPS: Navigable Waters”  
Rev. Wil Reinowski

## \*Hymn

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord” 796

## \*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

“Simple Gifts” (Shaker Tune)

## \*Doxology

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## \*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## \*Hymn

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” 159

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

“Ode to Joy” (Beethoven)

*Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.*



*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*The Lafayette Flute Choir, Inc. was founded in 1974 to educate and promote interest in and appreciation of the flute family and its literature. For over 40 years Lafayette Flute Choir has provided a continuing organization for ensemble flute playing and performance of music written specifically for the flute. Lafayette Flute Choir is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, playing for community and private events, assisted living facilities, churches, and weddings. We welcome the flute choir and thank them for the music shared in worship today.*



## In Our Prayers

We pray for Jennifer Brown for healing after surgery. We also pray for our Special Care friends Joyce Herendeen and Bill Hatfield.