

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – August 27

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

MONDAY – August 28

6:30pm Session (Discipleship Room)

WEDNESDAY – August 30

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – August 31

10:00am Library Team

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Central Church Choir rehearses each 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.

Central Bell Choir begins rehearsals this Wednesday at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. They are always looking to welcome new ringers. If you are interested, please see Janice Spitalniak.

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

Rise Against Hunger meals are served everyday around the globe in medical clinics, vocational training programs, elder care facilities and schools. Join your fellow Centralities in packing 20,000 nutrient-packed meals in two hours! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to love your neighbor: Sunday, October 1 at 1:00 pm. Sign up now at events.riseagainsthunger.org/CentralPresbChurch2023.

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 First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daughters of the Most High: Women's Voices in Scripture

August 27, 2023



Welcome

Prelude "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (Rick Founds)

***Call to Worship** Nancy Nargi

Leader: By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

People: By faith Rahab did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

***Hymn** "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" 663

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

People: we would now be lost in sin.

Leader: But it is the Lord who is on our side.

People: And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

***Congregational Response**

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 124

Anthem “The Solid Rock”
(Mote, Bradbury; arr. Foster)

Second Reading Joshua 2:8-13, 18

Message “Daughters of the Most High: The Courage of Rahab”

Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “How Firm a Foundation” 463

Recognition of Departing Friend Marshall Tebetah

*** Hymn** “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” 737

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 “Blessed Be the Name” (Traditional)

***Doxology** 606

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

Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile and used him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our offerings and use them for your people in this land and throughout your world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” 839

***Benediction**

Postlude “Finale-Symphony No. 1” (Louis Vierne)

* Please stand as you are able.



Bruce Knepper is a native of Logansport, Indiana. He has Music degrees from Valparaiso and Indiana University. Bruce taught instrumental music in the Lafayette School Corporation and performs with the Kokomo Park Band and Lafayette Citizens Band. Bruce has worked professionally with artists Bobby Vinton, Mary Wilson & the Supremes, Bob Newhart, Anne Murray, The Manhattan Transfer, and Marie Osmond. We welcome Bruce and thank him for sharing his music with us today.



In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for the family of Jean Gripe as she enters the church triumphant. Prayers are offered for Cyril Strum, Shirley West and Bill Walthour for healing. We also pray for our Special Care friends Lens Hernandez and Marty & Harry Hudlow.

Congregational Letters to be signed are found at the back of the sanctuary. They are for Cyril Strum, Bill Walthour and the family of Jean Gripe.