

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – February 18

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

3:00pm Youth Group (Youth Room)

WEDNESDAY – February 21

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – February 22

10:00am Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Christian Education Bible study will be examining Esther - March 3 & 17. Come join us in Fitch Parlor at 9:00am as we explore God's Word.

Our Lenten Theme this year is "Wandering Heart – Figuring Out Faith with Peter". Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of a Lent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices with the QR code. In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media. You can get a printed copy by calling the church office or pick up one at the back of the sanctuary.



Help us shower Cyril Sturm with birthday cards! Sign a festive card with your name — include a brief, personal message if you'd like — and drop it in the mail addressed to him at The Springs, 2402 South St, Lafayette, IN 47904 to be received in time for his birthday, February 28. Happy Birthday Blessings, Cyril!

One Great Hour of Sharing has been partnering with Presbyterians worldwide for 75 years to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Please consider giving by including "One Great Hour" on the memo line of your check. Contributions are being accepted through Easter.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski

Traditional Music & Organist: Jeffrey Stearns

Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak

Contemporary Music: Paul Foster

Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024



Welcome

Prelude

"Multiplied"

(B. Rinehart)

*Call to Worship

Roy Johnson

Leader: Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries.
Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax
the tension in your jaw,

People: for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us.

Leader: We have been found.

People: Let us find God in return.

Leader: Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

*Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, you call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, Peter didn't exactly make... (prayer continues)
...That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Congregational Response

"Glory to God in the Highest" (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 25:1-10

Anthem "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" (J. Lindh)

Second Reading Luke 5:1-11

Message "Finding Peter" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "Will You Come and Follow Me" 726

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

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" 581

Call To Prayer

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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (Westendorf/Kreutz)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" 720

*Benediction

Postlude "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (J.G. Walther)

Selected Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed; Art work "River of Grace" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity. In this image, the bursting nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter's life. The river pours into Peter's hands, but he can't quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling quite yet, and so most of it rushes right by. | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

** Please stand as you are able.*

In Our Prayers

We pray for Bill Walthour, Bill Hatfield, Cyril Sturm, Peg Wier and Don Racheter for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends Kitty Mills and Marilyn Prior.

The congregational letter is for Nancy Nargi as she undergoes hip surgery. Please wish her a speedy recovery.