

## In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for Nancy Nargi, David Strand, Bill Walthour, Bill Hatfield, Cyril Sturm, Peg Wier and Don Racheter for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends Edith Short and Ralph Smith.

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – February 25

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

### WEDNESDAY – February 28

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Practice (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY – February 29

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. <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/>. 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.

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# Central Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

“Wandering Heart: Rescue Me From Danger”

February 25, 2024

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

“Standing on the Promises”

(Jason Krug)

**\*Call to Worship**

Terry Phillips

Leader: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

**People: the courageous and the fearful,**

Leader: the hungry and the hopeful,

**People: the impatient and the reserved.**

Leader: God welcomes the young and the old,

**People: the poets and the prophets,**

Leader: the faithful and the tired,

**People: the curious and the convicted.**

Leader: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

**People: there is room for all to gather here.**

Leader: This is God's house.

**People: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.**

**\*Hymn**                      “The God of Abraham Praise”                      49

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: Family of faith, you could get out of the boat.... God is always walking toward you.

**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 22:23-31

**Anthem**                      “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”                      (S. Casurella)

**Second Reading**                      Matthew 14:22-33

**Message**                      “Needing Rescued”                      Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn**                      “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”                      182

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.  
I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.  
I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.  
I believe in a God who knows my name.**

**I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid. Amen.**

**\*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**                      “Always”                      (Chris Tomlin)

**\*Doxology**                      606

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

**Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”                      353

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      “Improvisation”                      (C. Saint-Saëns)

*Selected Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed; Art work “Lift Off” by Nicolette Penaranda pertains to how Peter must have felt walking on water toward Jesus. No one had ever done that before. Not only was he the first, but he must have felt like he was having a deeper experience with Jesus. | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*