

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – March 31

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – April 3

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – April 3

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

MUSIC NOTES—Chad Downey, trumpet, is a graduate of Indiana University Jacob's School of Music. Chad has been a Graduate Assistant of Bands at Purdue University and Director of the brass ensemble at Wabash College. Originally from Elgin, Illinois, Chad is the Music Director at North Montgomery Schools. We welcome Chad and thank him for sharing his music with us this morning.

Central will host the **Chamber Choir of Purdue Musical Organizations (PMO)** in concert in the sanctuary on Friday, April 5 at 7PM.

PMO Chamber Choir is made up of 19 Purdue students and is directed by Joseph Bandi. The concert will feature choral music from the 1500s to the present. This presentation is free and open to the community.

In our effort to be inclusive of those who are unable to be with us in person, we live-stream our worship services online. For those who are camera-shy, seating is available in the back two rows of the main floor and anywhere in the balcony.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Dir Admin & Christian Ed: Jennifer Shook
Traditional Music & Organist: Jeffry Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

Wandering Heart: And I Hope

March 31, 2024



Welcome

Prelude

“Hear Our Prayers”

(Reuben Morgan)

*Call to Worship

Deb Hester

Leader: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

People: But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: We have a reason to sing!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen today.

*Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" 232

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

The stone is rolled away! We assume it is a mistake. The angels say, "He is not here!" We assume their news is fake. The women tell the story, but we do not want to hear it. Peter runs to the tomb, but we do not understand. Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank. Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death. Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world. Teach us to see what you see. Unravel the threads of our unbelief. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The angels tell the....Remember this: Alleluia!
Amen.

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 118:1-2, 14-24

Anthem "Alleluia, Christ is Risen" (J. Kirkby)

Second Reading Luke 24:1-12

Message "And I Hope" Rev. Wil Reinowski

*Hymn "In the Darkness of the Morning" (229)

*Easter Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us affirm what we believe, using our Easter Affirmation of Faith.

People: We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more. But today, we are a people

of hope. We believe in new beginnings.

We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise.

We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us.

Today we are a people of hope.

*Congregational Response "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

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 "Day of Arising" (Cherwin/Schalk)

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "The Day of Resurrection!" 233

*Benediction

Postlude "Thine Is the Glory" (G.F. Handel)



* Please stand as you are able.

More Central Happenings

Selected Prayers adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed. Throughout this Lenten – Easter season, Wandering Heart has provided a range of resources for our congregation. We are grateful for the beautiful images and poetry as well as the inspiration in prayer.

The One Great Hour of Sharing donation campaign is coming to a close as we end our Easter season. We are grateful for the generosity of our CPC community for supporting this worthwhile organization.

Please use the Ritual of Friendship Pads to let us know you're with us today. Whether you are in person or on-line, you can also sign in at **centralpreschurch.org/friendship**.

In Our Prayers

We pray for the family of Tim Reyna who has entered the Church Triumphant. He was a friend and seminarian of Pastor Wil. Prayers for his family, Melissa and Nora. We also pray for our Special Care friends Bunny Boardman and Roz Bol.

Ongoing prayers

Pam Young, Kelly Bol, Don Nead, Bill Hatfield, Cyril Sturm and Peg Wier.