

In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for our Deacons as they embody the love and justice of Jesus Christ. We also pray for our Special Care friends Rita Zachariah and Mary Lou Allen.

Ongoing prayers

Otto Doering, Pam Young, Kelly Bol, Nancy Nargi, Bill Hatfield, Cyril Sturm and Peg Wier.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – March 17

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – March 20

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – March 21

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

MUSIC NOTES--The anthem “Lord for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake” was first published in 1566 in a section called “Lidley’s Prayers” in the collection *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations*. The prayer was set in an anthem by English composer, Richard Farrant.

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 1500’s to the present. This presentation is free and open to the community.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski

Dir Admin & Christian Ed: Jennifer Shook
Traditional Music & Organist: Jeffrey Stearns

Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak

Contemporary Music: Paul Foster

Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



Welcome

Prelude

“Saved My Soul”(Smith, Ferguson, Thompson)

*Call to Worship

Deb Hester

Leader: Why are you here?

People: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

Leader: I see it! You're in the right place! This is the God's House. The door is open to you.

People: Why are you here?

Leader: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

People: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

*Hymn "We Praise You, O God" 612

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility, we pray, amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith when Peter asks...We are invited to serve.

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 119: 9-16

Anthem "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" (R. Farrant)

Second Reading Matthew 18: 15-22

Message "Asking Difficult Questions" Rev. Wil Reinowski

*Hymn "Love Your Neighbor and Forgive" (insert)

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

*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 "Come, Light Our Hearts" (S. McCracken)

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

As the high priest Melchizedek blessed Abraham and offered his tithe of bread and wine at your holy altar, may our gifts be made perfect through Christ to glorify you and bless the world. Amen.

*Hymn "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" 444

*Benediction

Postlude "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (J.S. Bach)



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