

## Central Happenings

### SUNDAY – May 18

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

2:00 p.m. Hospice Memorial Service (Sanctuary/Online)

### MONDAY – May 19

6:00 p.m. Scouts (Scout Room)

### WEDNESDAY – May 21

10:00 a.m. Women of the Word (Fitch Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY – May 22

10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

6:15 p.m. Saints Softball versus Heath CPA (Arni Cohen Field #1)

**Lafayette Aviators Baseball Game, June 8, 3:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars and plan to join your Central Family at Loeb Stadium for an afternoon of baseball and fellowship. We have reserved tickets in the third baseline concourse suites. Each ticket comes with a \$15 gift card for food and drinks. Call the church office, sign up at the reception desk, or email [news@centralpreschurch.org](mailto:news@centralpreschurch.org) to get your name on the list. Tickets are prepaid, so if your plans change, please let us know so that we don't waste any tickets.

**Join us in Fitch Parlor following worship** on Sunday, May 25, for a special farewell gathering for Paul Foster. Let's come together to celebrate his ministry and wish him well in the next chapter.

**If you haven't yet completed your** Funeral and Memorial Service Plan, there's no time like the present! These forms help your loved ones and the church honor your final wishes with care. Need help? Pastor Wil would love to meet with you. Forms are available in the Gathering Space and the church office.

**Our greeter** this morning is Jeannene Ackerman.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski  
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak  
Contemporary Music: Paul Foster  
Organist: Doug Fletcher  
Custodian: Bob Hill

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## Central Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Living with the End in Mind*

May 18, 2025



### Welcome

### Prelude

"Pastorale on Holy 'Manna'"

(arr. Young)

### \*Call to Worship

Kristie Sherman

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

**People: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!**

### \*Hymn

"Bretheren, We Have Met to Worship"

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### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God's promises are trustworthy and true; our sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may we always be known by our love.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### \*Congregational Response

"Glory to God"

(back cover Hymnal)

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading** Psalm 67

**Anthem** “My Redeemer Lives” (Morgan)

**Second Reading** Revelation 21:1-6

**Message** “A God of New Beginnings” Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 366

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed (page 35 Hymnal)

**\*Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” (back cover Hymnal)

**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** “Gabriel’s Oboe” (Morricone)

**\*Doxology** 606

**\* Please stand as you are able.**

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

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** “Soon and Very Soon” 384

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Prelude in F Major” (J.S. Bach)



## In Our Prayers

We pray for Helen Kloepfer Hensley as she recovers from surgery. We also pray for our Special Care friends, Kitty Mills and Hal Lafever.

Please sign the congregational letter in the gathering area for Helen Hensley.

**Per Capita connects us to the work** of the larger church by way of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the Office of the General Assembly. This year, Per Capita is \$44 per Member. Members, please place your check in the offering basket or mail it to the church office with “Per Capita” in the memo line. Thank you!

**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](http://centralpreschurch.org/friendship)

**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 or anywhere in the balcony.