

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – May 25

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

11:00 a.m. Reception for Paul (Fitch Parlor)

MONDAY – May 26

OFFICE CLOSED – Happy Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY – May 28

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

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

6:30 p.m. Session (Discipleship)

THURSDAY – May 29

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

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

Lafayette Aviators Baseball Game, June 8, 3:00 p.m. Join your Central Family at Loeb Stadium for an afternoon of baseball and fellowship. Call the church office, sign up at the reception desk, or email news@centralpreschurch.org. Tickets are prepaid, so if your plans change, please let us know so that we don't waste any tickets.

The Pentecost Special Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of your gift stays here at Central. See the insert for more info. Please include "Pentecost" on the memo line of your check.

Our Church Directory is always available online, making it easy to find names, numbers, and more all in one place. Update your contact info to help us stay in touch, or reach out if you need access or assistance. Visit centralpreschurch.org or contact the office for help. Stay connected. Stay engaged. Be part of our church family.

Our greeter this morning is Pris Gerde.

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

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Central Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Living with the End in Mind

May 25, 2025



Welcome

Prelude "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (arr. Sondra K. Tucker)

***Call to Worship** Kathy Meeks

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God.

People: Let all the peoples praise you.

***Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" 321

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Let your hearts be still, for God loves us and forgives all our wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Congregational Response** “Glory to God” (back cover Hymnal)

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 148

Children’s Time

Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5-6

Message “Heaven Here and Now” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “Shall We Gather at the River” 375

***Affirmation of Faith** (adapted from *The Heidelberg Chatechism*)

Leader: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves, but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for our sins, watches over us each day, and assures us that not even a hair can fall from our heads without the will of our Father in heaven. Because we belong to him, we live each day in the joy of heaven, even here and now! Amen!**

Recognition of Departing Staff Paul Foster

***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 “We Lift our Voices” (Liles)

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

***Doxology** 606

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

Giving God, as the spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** “Lift Up the Gates Eternal” 364

***Benediction**

Postlude “My Armageddon” (Kirkpatrick)

In Our Prayers

We pray for Roslynn Bol for healing and recovery. We also pray for our Special Care friends, Don Nead and Marilyn Pryor.

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

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.