

In Our Prayers

We pray for Rosalie Rushing and the family of Cyril Sturm as he enters the Church Triumphant. We offer welcome and blessings to Purdue students as they start a new academic year. We also pray for our Special Care Friends, Edith Short and Ralph Smith.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – August 24

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

MONDAY – August 25

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

6:30 p.m. Session (Discipleship)

WEDNESDAY – August 27

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

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

THURSDAY – August 28

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

Please sign the congregational letter for the family of Cyril Sturm on the table in the Gathering Space, and keep the family in prayer.

Rise Against Hunger meal packing event is Sunday August 31 from 1-3pm. To register for this fun and high energy hunger fighting activity use this link: <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/register/?id=701Pj00000amS6wIAE> or sign up at the reception desk. Flyers are available to share with friends, family and other organizations.

The annual Blessing of the Animals service will take place September 21 in the Columbia St parking lot. A free picnic lunch will follow. Plan to bring your pets or a picture of your past or present furry friends to receive a special blessing.

All college students are invited to have lunch on Central. Please find Terry and Lynne Phillips in the Gathering Space immediately after the service to say you're joining in.

Our greeter this morning is Kristie Sherman.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Final Instructions

August 24, 2025



Welcome

Prelude

"Meditation on Bach's First Prelude"

(Bach / Gounod)

*Call to Worship

Kathy Meeks

Leader: The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places; you shall be like a watered garden, whose spring never fails.

People: We gather in the presence of our never-failing God, who promises to refresh and restore us.

Leader: In a world often dry and weary, God offers an abundance of grace, strength, and encouragement.

People: We come seeking renewal and longing to be like that watered garden, flourishing in His unfailing presence. With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God, our Shepherd and our Source of eternal life.

*Hymn

"Let Us Build a House"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: In the waters of baptism we receive abundant mercy, flowing like a spring that never runs dry. Forgiven and freed, we are reconciled with God and with one another.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 71:1-6

Children’s Time

Second Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Message “Called – No Excuses!” Pastor Carrie Munson

*Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” 754

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Scots Confession)

We confess and believe that the Lord Jesus gave himself for us that he might cleanse us, body and soul, and preserve us blameless in faith. We are a kingdom that cannot be shaken, because we worship the Living God with reverence and awe. Amen.

*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 “O Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (trad. Irish melody)

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God, we rejoice in offering you these gifts, that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world. Amen

*Hymn “Called as Partners in Christ's Service” 761

*Benediction

Postlude “Marche” (Gordon Young)



We welcome back Carrie Munson as our worship leader. Carrie is a Commissioned Pastor serving the Geetingsville Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, IN with her husband Mike. It is always a pleasure to share the Word and worship with her. Thank you, Carrie!

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.