

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Children’s Time

Second Reading Romans 12:10-13

Message “Don’t Hesitate: Love in Action” Curtis Stout

***Hymn** “Amazing Grace” 649

***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.

** Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory “Chorale” (Clifton Williams)

***Doxology** 606

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

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem’s field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** “Take My Life” 697

***Benediction**

Postlude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Ellor)



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.

We welcome One 17 International Founder & Executive Director, Curtis Stout. Central has supported One 17 International since it started in 2015. Its mission of Education and sharing the Gospel with children who have been “left behind” in Haiti and Cambodia has grown beyond our wildest expectations. But, there is much work yet to do! We ask that you continue to pray for the work of One 17 International.

In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for the family of Chuck Horner as he enters the church triumphant as well as Ron Overton for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Jane Messer and Don Nead.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – October 12

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

MONDAY – October 13

Office will be closed

WEDNESDAY – October 15

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

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

THURSDAY – October 16

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

Please sign the congregational letters for Pastor Carrie Munson and the family of Chuck Horner on the table in the Gathering Space.

PMO Heart & Soul join us in worship Sunday, October 19. Heart & Soul is a dynamic, soulful, and inspirational mixed-voice ensemble. The group specializes in gospel and contemporary Christian music, sprinkled with an occasional soul or R&B tune.

October is Stewardship Month! Our theme, *Prayers Worth Giving*, invites us to reflect on how our prayers, presence, and faith shape the life of the church. Please prayerfully consider how your time, talent, and treasure might be used to faithfully share God's love in the world.

Consecration Sunday is October 26. Following worship, we'll gather in the Large Fellowship Hall for our Consecration Lunch at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP by October 19 using a card from the Offering Table or by calling/emailing the church office.

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.

The greeter this morning is Stephany Miskunas.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Congregation Coordinator: Jessica Pisarski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Stewardship

Don't Hesitate: Love in Action

Sunday, October 12, 2025



Welcome

Prelude

"O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God"

(traditional Irish melody)

*Call to Worship

Roy Johnson

Leader: God has sent redemption to us and made with us a covenant.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.