

*Call to Worship

Chip Goldsberry

Leader: The good news of the gospel is:

People: manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.

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People: release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.

Leader: So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you.

People: Let us worship this good-news God.

*Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 611

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles *and* our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder: Can we be like that mustard seed? Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: *of course, of course, of course.* Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising. God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" the answer is and always will be:

People: *of course, of course, of course.*

Leader: This is the good news of the gospel.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Congregational Response "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Matthew 13:31-31

Children's Time

Anthem "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" (Arr. Schweizer)

Second Reading John 2:1-11

Message "Fill Them to the Brim" Rev. Wil Reinowski

*Hymn "In a Neat & Tidy Garden" Insert

*Affirmation of Faith

*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 "On the Cross of Calvary" (Gerig)

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God of holy surprises, receive these gifts we bring. Take what seems small in our hands and let it become nourishment, beauty, and hope for others. Use these offerings to widen joy, to strengthen love, and to remind us that you are always at work in ways we could never fully predict. We place them in your care, grateful and expectant. Amen.

*Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age" 320

*Benediction

Postlude "Lift High the Cross" (arr. Young)



In Our Prayers ✠

We pray for the friends and family of Loren Allen as he enters the Church Triumphant. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Roz Bol and Nancy Clerget.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – February 22

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

MONDAY – February 23

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

WEDNESDAY – February 25

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rehearsal Hall)

THURSDAY – February 26

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

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.

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.

The greeters this morning are Chuck and Marla Hewson.

Liturgy adapted from the Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Cover image: "Messianic Secret", by T. Denise Anderson. Inspired by John 2:1-11. Artist Statement: I invite the viewer to focus on this servant filling the jars with water and all his curiosity and expectation and think of a time when you were surprised by something God did.

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Central Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Lent

The Good News Is

Sunday, February 22, 2026



Welcome

Minute For Mission

Prelude

"If Thou But Suffer, God to Guide Thee"

(arr. Gordon Young)