

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Children's Time

Anthem "Ring Them Bells" (Bob Dylan)
Hannah Idrissi and Romeo Gregorie

Second Reading Matthew 5:13–20

Message "The Gift of Public Witness" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** 314
"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ, Be Our Light)"

* Please stand as you are able.

*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 "Beau Soir" (Debussy)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** "Come! Live in the Light!" 749

*Benediction

Postlude "Dona Nobis" (W.A. Mozart)



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 centralpreschurc.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.

In Our Prayers

We pray for Ryan Shelley and Dick Day for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Peggy Anderson and Bunny Boardman.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – February 8

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

MONDAY – February 9

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

WEDNESDAY – February 11

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 12

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

Office will be closed on February 16 for Presidents' Day Holiday.

Ashes to Go – February 18, 8:00–8:30 a.m. Drive through the Columbia Street Parking Lot on Ash Wednesday to receive ashes and a blessing to start your Lenten journey.

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 greeters this morning are Judy Spencer and Stephany Miskunas.



Central Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Gifts That Keep On Giving

February 8, 2026



Welcome

Minute for Mission

Kathy Meeks

Prelude

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

(J.S. Bach)

*Call to Worship

Deb Hester

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)"

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