

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Our God kisses us with kindness, forgiving our sins, preserving our lives, and restoring our souls through the abundant provision of our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive now that for which faith has hungered: we are forgiven and healed in the name of Jesus the Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 133:1-3

Anthem “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(Charles Wesley and John Zundel arr. Foster)

Children’s Time

Second Reading Genesis 45:1–15

Message “Forgiveness in the Family” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” 792

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Affirmation of Faith** (Adapted from The Confession of 1967)

God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ reaches into every corner of human life, calling us to examine the ways we participate in brokenness and to seek a new way forward. We believe that God’s grace confronts injustice and calls us to lives shaped by mercy and truth. Through the Spirit, we are given courage to name what is wrong and to work toward what is right. We trust that even in the midst of struggle, God is already at work, bringing healing and renewal. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this work, trusting in God’s faithfulness.

***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 “Rock of My Salvation” (Teresa Muller)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

***Hymn** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” 649

*Benediction

Postlude “Trumpet Fanfare” (Paul Fey)



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 Prayers ✂

We pray for Rita Cobb, and C.A. and Maythia Johnson for health concerns. We pray for all who have been affected by the flooding across Indiana. We also pray for our Special Care Friends, Ralph Smith and Pat Smith.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – August 23

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

WEDNESDAY – August 26

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 – August 27

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

The greeter this morning is Pat Egan.

Please sign the congregational letters on the back table.

We're looking for volunteers to oversee our college lunch one Sunday each month after the service. It's a simple way to serve, build community, and make a difference. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Kathy Meeks (kathymeeks@comcast.net) for more info or to sign up.

The Deacons are seeking people who are willing to bring meals when one of our Central families is in need. If this ministry hits your heart, please contact Stephany Miskunas at (765) 412-5867 or slmiskunas@gmail.com to be added to the list.

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.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Transitional Administrator: Jessica Pisarski
Choir Director: Scott Hines
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Reunion

Sunday, August 23, 2026



Welcome

Prelude

“Meditation on Bach's First Prelude” (Bach / Gounod)

*Call to Worship

Chip Goldsberry

Leader: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

People: With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!

*Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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