

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Hebrews 13:2

Children’s Time

Second Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Message “Entertaining Angles or Entertaining Angels?”
Rev. Wes Tillet

***Hymn** “How Firm a Foundation” 463

***Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)*

We believe that God’s grace meets us not because we have earned it, but because God is merciful. Even when we fall short, God does

** Please stand as you are able.*

not turn away but draws near with forgiveness and new life. In Jesus Christ, we are freed from guilt and given a new beginning. Through the Spirit, we are shaped into people who live with gratitude, seeking to love God and neighbor in all things. Therefore, we trust not in ourselves, but in the mercy that holds us fast.

***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 “Come, Holy Spirit” (Gaither)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” 700

*Benediction

Postlude “Credo” (J. Haydn)



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.

In Our Prayers

We pray for the family of Edith Short as she enters the Church Triumphant. We pray for Rita Cobb as she recovers from surgery. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Peggy Anderson and Nancy Clerget.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – September 13

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

WEDNESDAY – September 16

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 – September 17

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

The greeters this morning are John and Liz Schneider.

SAVE THE DATE Join us as we celebrate the Harvest of Blessings with a catered buffet meal in Large Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, October 4. Mark your calendars to come and kick off stewardship month together with food and fellowship. The students of PMO Heart and Soul will be singing in worship and will be joining us for the meal. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome.

Next Week we will be worshipping outside in the Columbia Street parking lot for Blessing of the Animals. See bulletin insert for more details.

We welcome Wes Tillett back to Central Church this morning. Wes has a Master's in Divinity from Western Theological Seminary (Michigan) and has served as Executive Director of Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) since April 2020. He also served here at Central as Director of Family and Youth Ministries from 2006-2010. Wes and his wife Rita have four children. Welcome back Wes.

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026



Welcome

Prelude

“Chiming of Great Joy”

(Dan R Edwards)

*Call to Worship

Kristie Sherman

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: bless God's holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

*Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

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