

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: People of God, our sins are forgiven. The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Children's Time

Second Reading Matthew 21:23-32

Message "When Love Becomes a Verb" Ryan Shelley

***Hymn** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" 729

***Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from The Confession of Belhar (1986)*

We believe that God calls the church to stand where God stands: with those who are poor, oppressed, and forgotten. We believe that God's justice is not abstract, but active, seeking to restore dignity and right what has been wronged. Through the Spirit, we are called to join this

** Please stand as you are able.*

work, even when it is costly or uncomfortable. We trust that God's vision for the world is one of wholeness, where all are seen and valued. Therefore, we commit ourselves to lives that reflect this justice and compassion.

***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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Akers)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" 738

*Benediction

Postlude "Postlude on the Kingsfold" (Vaughan-Williams)



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 Jessica Pisarski as she undergoes surgery. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Bill Hatfield and Hal Lafever.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – September 27

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

3:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY – September 30

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 – October 1

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

The greeter this morning is Kristie Sherman.

The congregational letter located in the Gathering Space is for Jessica Pisarski.

Next Week: Join us as we celebrate the Harvest of Blessings with a catered buffet meal in Large Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, October 4. Plan 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 our guests for the meal. It will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know them on an individual basis. No reservations are necessary. All are welcome.

PMO Heart & Soul will be with us in worship Sunday, October 4 and will be joining us for the Harvest meal. 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.

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Learning to Love Our Enemies

Sunday, September 27, 2026



Welcome

Prelude

"I Will Joyfully Sing"

(McDonald)

*Call to Worship

Chip Goldsberry

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

People: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

People: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

People: **The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.**

*Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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