

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed!

People: Thanks be to God.

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

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Children’s Time

Second Reading Exodus 32:1-14

Message “Building Faithfulness on the Way to the Promised Land”

Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” 353

***Affirmation of Faith** *Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)*

We believe that God calls us into a life of faith that is both personal and shared, grounded in love and expressed in action. In Jesus Christ,

** Please stand as you are able.*

we see what it means to live faithfully, with compassion for others and trust in God. Through the Spirit, we are given gifts to serve, to lead, to encourage, and to build up the body of Christ. We are not called to perfection, but to faithfulness, trusting that God works through our lives as they are. Therefore, we offer ourselves to God’s service with humility and hope.

***Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” (back cover Hymnal)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Minute For Mission Chip Goldsberry

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 “Meditation on “O Perfect Love”” (arr. Hustad)

***Doxology** 606

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your Spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and our stronghold. Amen.

***Hymn** “Lead On, O King Eternal!” 269

*Benediction

Postlude “Festive Trumpet Tune” (David German)



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 Bill Chapman as he recovers from surgery. We pray for Amy Fletcher for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Kathryn Long and Jane Messer.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – October 11

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

MONDAY – October 12 - Office closed

WEDNESDAY – October 14

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 15

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

The greeters this morning are Chip and Carolyn Goldsberry.

Please sign the congregational letter located in the Gathering Space for Bill Chapman.

The office will be closed on Monday for the holiday.

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.

Central is joining in the community Peace Walk on November 1 by contributing handmade origami peace cranes. You can help! Origami paper and folding instructions will be provided, and no experience is needed. Cranes have become an international symbol of hope and peace, inspired in part by the story of Sadako Sasaki after the bombing of Hiroshima. Contact Pastor Wil for more information, to learn about the Peace Walk, or to sign up to make cranes.

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Office Administrator: Jessica Pisarski
Choir Director: Scott Hines
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Central Presbyterian Church

Stewardship

Thriving

Sunday, October 11, 2026



Welcome

Prelude

“An American Spiritual”
Central Bell Choir

(arr. P. Hurlbutt)

*Call to Worship

Alex Moon

Leader: The Lord is good!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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