Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear— for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: in 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

Anthem "Rejoice" Arr. Lloyd Larson

First Scripture Reading Matthew 25:35-40

Second Scripture Reading 1 John 4:11-16

Message "I Want a Better Life, Lord, I do" Rob Outhouse

***Hymn** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" 757

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**** Please stand as you are able.***

***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 "On the Cross of Calvary" (Gerig)

***Doxology** 606

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn** "Go to the World!" 295

***Benediction**

Postlude "Postlude on the Italian Hymn" (Young)

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 Father Joel at St John's Episcopal for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Edie Webber and Peggy Anderson.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – November 15
10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
TUESDAY – November 18
6:30 p.m. Advent Workshop
WEDNESDAY – November 18
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 – November 19
10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)
The greeters this morning are Joe Riley and Rosalie Rushing.

Donut Pop-Up After Worship. The Fellowship Team invites you to stay after worship today (Sunday) and enjoy donuts and a beverage in the Gathering Space. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know and join in fellowship with your Central Family.

This Advent, we invite you to reflect on the theme *What Do You Fear?* with a devotional from A Sanctified Art. Printed copies will be available for pickup at the church beginning Sunday, November 22. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. A full-color electronic version will also be available by email.

We welcome Rob Outhouse back to Central. Rob grew up attending Central and is the grandson of Jim and Lousie Outhouse. He and his wife, Kim, attend Christ United Methodist Church and helped launch the local chapter of A Better Life -Brianna's Hope, an outreach program for those in recovery from substance abuse disorder. They have two children and eight grandchildren. Thank you, Rob, for sharing your experiences and ministry with us today.

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Welcome

Prelude "Ave Verum Corpus" (Mozart)

***Call to Worship** Alex Moon

Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love;

People: be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Lord is with us!

People: Let us worship God.

***Hymn** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" 298