Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel!

People: We are forgiven.

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

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 78:1-7

Children's Time

Second Reading Matthew 25:1–13

Message "Who Is Responsible for My Oil?" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" 267

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

We believe that God's work of reconciliation extends beyond what we can see, reaching into every place of brokenness and bringing the possibility of new life. In Jesus Christ, we are given a vision of what the world can be: a place of peace, justice, and restored relationships. Through the Spirit, we are invited to live into that vision now, even when it feels distant or incomplete. We trust that God's future is already breaking into the present. Therefore, we live with hope, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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

***Congregational Response** "Gloria Patri" (back cover Hymnal)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Minute For Mission Camille Sherman

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

***Doxology** 606

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

Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 377

***Benediction**

Postlude

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 Lew Graham as he undergoes surgery. We pray for C.A. Johnson for health concerns. We also pray for our Special Care friends, especially Pam and Bill Young.

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – November 8
10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
WEDNESDAY – November 11
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 12
10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)
SATURDAY – November 14
10:00 a.m. Potters Market (Education Building)

The greeter this morning is Monie Krueger.
A meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Central Presbyterian Church has been duly called by the Session, to take place today November 8, 2026, immediately following worship (11:00 a.m.) for the purpose of electing officers. Members, please plan to attend.
Per Capita connects us to the work of the larger church by way of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the Office of the General Assembly. This year, Per Capita is $44 per Member. Members, please place your check in the offering basket or mail it to the church office with "Per Capita" in the memo line. Thank you!
The LUM Community Thanksgiving dinner needs 10 turkeys cooked. Please call or email the church office to let us know how many turkeys you are willing to cook. Turkeys, pans and instructions will be provided.
The Hanging of the Greens will take place immediately after the worship service on November 22. Many hands make light work to transform our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Plus, it's fun!

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
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Historian & Ed. Coordinator: Sean Lutes
Choir Director: Scott Hines
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Welcome

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Debra Hester

Leader: People of God, listen:

People: The Lord has done marvelous things.

Leader: Teach your children all that God has done

People: so that they may live in hope and die in peace.

***Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" 620