

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 29, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

As you walk through the doors into the sanctuary here at Central, you can feel the history and something of the sacred within this space. But I hope you also feel the vitality of our people and programs, and our focus on the present. If you are looking for a place to put your beliefs into action or if you are looking for a community to provide support and inspiration, we are looking for you. Central is open and affirming of all people who enter our doors. If you are visiting today, I hope that you will introduce yourself to others during the Passing of the Peace and after the service. Welcome to Central!

- Rev. David Colby

— FOR YOUR INFORMATION —

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot, the KCP lot on 9th Street between Minnesota and Robert Streets, and in the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across from MPR on Cedar Street. If parking in the World Trade Center Ramp, make sure to get a chaser ticket from an usher.

For weekday parking information, visit our website: <https://cpcstpaul.org/directions>.

Central is a caring community of faith that includes members, friends, and visitors. We remember those who are rarely or not able to attend worship here. Today we keep in our prayers **Doris Shull**.

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Large print bulletins are available from ushers. If you need **hearing assistance**, the sanctuary is T-coil enabled. If you do not have a hearing aid with T-coil technology, other hearing-assisted devices are available from the ushers.

Children are loved and welcome at Central!

Their presence indicates a healthy and vibrant community. Young children can stay with you in worship, or you can escort them upstairs to our professionally-staffed nursery. For their safety and security, please sign in your children before returning to worship. For children who stay with you, in the back of the sanctuary you will find worship bags that are filled with activities that can be done during worship. Please return the bags either to an usher or to the tree stand at the end of the service.

If you would like to donate flowers for use in worship (in honor of someone, or in celebration of something important) please contact Anna in the church office at 651-224-4728 or office@cpcstpaul.org.

The Call to Worship is by the Rev. Andrea Price and is archived at re-worship.blogspot.com. The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell and are collected on her blog at <http://Rev-o-lution.org>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

As we gather in this space to worship, let us listen for God's still, small voice by silencing our cell phones, refraining from conversation, and using the music to bring us into a time of reflection and prayer.

PRELUDE *Morning Songs* arr. B. Tate

WELCOME Rev. David Colby

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Carl Willis

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

C: **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Come into God's presence with singing.

L: Know that the Lord is God.

C: **It is God who made us, and we are God's people.**

L: For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

C: **God's faithfulness is for all generations.**

L: Let us worship the Lord our God.

✠ HYMN *O for a World* #372

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: We are not alone;

C: **We live in God's world.**

L: God created

C: **and is still creating.**

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✠ *Please stand in body or in spirit*

L: And God has come in Jesus to reconcile and make new.
Hear the good news,
C: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**
L: And let all God's people say,
C: **Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GREEK SCRIPTURES Acts 10:9—21 (in pew Bible, page 112)
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Peter's Vision" Maureen Smith

✦ HYMN *For Everyone Born* #769

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Please place the Friendship Pad sheet in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY *I Lift My Voice* by A. Ramsey

✦ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Praise God, the Spirit evermore
One Triune God, whom we adore.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ HYMN *This is My Song* #340

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* by P. Cattaneo

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK:

In the Bible there exists a little rule with a big impact, a rule for an agrarian community not to farm all the way to the edges of the field, but to leave the margins for those who are hungry to glean food. This Bible rule is about not wasting food, about remembering the hungry within the community, and has paved the way for programs like Second Harvest. Rev. Colby will preach and we will celebrate communion.

WORSHIP TODAY

MAUREEN SMITH BIO

Maureen Smith came to Central in the fall of 1999 and has been on the staff in different roles ever since. She was Pastoral Associate when she retired at the end of 2015 and now does many of the same things as an unpaid staff member. One of her joys is leading the adult Bible study on Sunday mornings.

She and Denny Reimer were married at Central in 2012, and Denny is now an elder. They were active on the Refugee Task Force and the team that welcomed the Ahmady family. They enjoy volunteering as bus buddies with the International Institute of Minnesota, teaching new refugees how to ride the bus. Maureen enjoys international travel and road trips, baseball, and her two book groups, and her passions include interfaith dialogue and racial justice.

NEXT WEEK IS 'COME SING' SUNDAY!

All are welcome (ages 10 and up) to be a part of the choir this Sunday! We will gather at 9:30 a.m. to learn the music and then sing in worship at 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2018 Central Presbyterian Church directory is here! If you indicated that you would like a paper copy of the directory, you can pick it up TODAY following worship, in the Friendship Room, or stop by the office during the week.

If you did not want a hard copy but changed your mind, we ordered a few extras. We can also send you a digital copy of the directory if you prefer. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to publish the directory, especially Carmen Binger, Erika Kelly-Kennedy, Joan Kelly, and Mel & Fluryanne Leach.

JOIN US FOR PEACEFUL PRESENCE ON WEDNESDAY

Peaceful presence is a group that gathers for prayer and quiet contemplation on the first Wednesday of the month from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOWERTOWN CLEAN UP

Looking for a fun & rewarding volunteer opportunity? Come be a part of the Lowertown cleanup crew with other Central members on Sunday, August 5. Following church we will have a light lunch and then walk over to our assigned cleanup area and do clean up from 1 to 3 p.m. Those interested can also stop by the Black Dog Cafe after the cleanup to socialize. Lowertown cleanup is sponsored by Spire Credit Union and Black Dog. Cleaning supplies, including gloves will be provided. All participants also receive a free t-shirt.

If you are interested in volunteering, go to <https://cpcstpaul.org/volunteer> to sign up or call Anna in the church office to RSVP by August 1. We would like to know how many to expect for lunch and the cleanup. If you have questions about the event contact Kati Berg or Sharon Zopfi-Jordan.

GET REGISTERED FOR THE FALL FAMILY RETREAT

Summer will soon be over and fall upon us. So, mark your calendars and get registered to be a part of Central's annual fall retreat for families. This getaway provides space for making deeper connections with each other, with the surrounding landscape, and with God. It is a time to relax and a time to play. Central staff will join families to help create a memorable weekend of s'more-making, games, hikes, and quiet puzzles by the window.

When: September 21-23, 2018

Where: Koinonia Retreat Center near Annandale, MN
Driving directions and further information will be sent to you upon

Details: Housing for two nights, three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday is \$115 per adult and \$60 per child age 5-16. Children under five are free. Scholarships are available for families who need help. To learn more visit our website at <https://cpcstpaul.org/growing-in-faith/children>.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday 7/29

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

Tuesday 7/31

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet

Wednesday 8/1

- 10:00 a.m. Peaceful Presence
- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet

Thursday 8/2

- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service
for Dale Schleiter

Sunday 8/5

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. Lowertown Cleanup (see p. 7)
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

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