



WELCOME TO CENTRAL

Mid-Winter Sabbath: Necessity

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



IN OUR PRAYERS

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

CHILDREN

Children are a beloved part of our community and always welcome in the sanctuary with you. At the back of the room are activity bags and books for them to enjoy during their time in worship. Infants through age 6 are also invited to spend the worship hour in our nursery on the upper level, playing and learning together. Changing tables are available in our restrooms with diapering supplies available in the nursery.

FLOWERS

If you would like to bring flowers to place on the chancel for worship in recognition of a special moment or event, contact the office.

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ACCESSIBILITY



Large print worship bulletins and hymns are available from the ushers or in back of the sanctuary.



The sanctuary is T-coil enabled for those with the hearing aid technology. Sound amplification devices are also available from ushers.



Reserved accessible parking and a wheelchair ramp are available in the MPR lot off 9th Street East. Accessible restrooms are in the hall by side sanctuary doors and on the lower level.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot, KCP lot, and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across Cedar Street. If parking in the ramp, see an usher for a voucher to pay your ramp fees.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Central Presbyterian Church occupies the sacred land of the Dakota people. Broken treaties and the systematic loss of life and land led directly to the availability of this sacred space which we presume to possess today. Our faith demands confession of the evils from which we benefit, action to support Indigenous peoples seeking justice, and lives guided by love. We keep this in our minds and hearts as we worship today. For the full statement of our commitment to action, visit our website at www.centralforgood.org/land.

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church

Whether you are sharing worship with us in our historic sanctuary or watching online, we hope you feel the vitality of our people, our ministry and our focus on the present. If you are looking for a place to put your faith into action or for a community to provide support and inspiration, we are looking for you. Central is open and affirming of all people. If you are visiting today, we invite you to fill out a Connect card in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit

We Gather in God's Presence

PRELUDE

Clara Osowski, mezzo-soprano, Alex Woods, piano

Heavenly Grass (music by Paul Bowles, words by Tennessee Williams)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP - Adapted from Isaiah 41

Juniper Beath

One: When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,

All: **I the Lord will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.**

One: I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys;

All: **I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.**

✦ OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you have made Sabbath times for the healing of our souls and the healing of the world. Your Gospel proclaims a world in which the waters heal our parched world and spirits. May this be an hour marked by your healing, and may the Word we hear send us into the world as healers.

✦ HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Hymn #415

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

One: The peace of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all.

All: **And, also with you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In the sure hope of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

All: **God, we confess that we have sinned in our thoughts and in our actions, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We come to this holy place knowing well that beyond these walls there are those in need. We have**

come to find rest knowing well the restlessness all around. In your mercy, help us enter into your holy rest so that we might bring the healing we receive beyond these walls into the whole world. May this Sabbath day be a renewal for us and for all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: From the beginning of all things, God had in mind to create, redeem, and sustain all things for good. Therefore, with the confidence of the children of God, we proclaim:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We Listen for God's Voice

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Jennifer Anderson

Please see announcements for details on today's ministry programs. If you are new to Central, please come with your child in order to meet our staff and provide emergency contact information.

SENDING SONG

Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, you are speaking. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and follow your call. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Samuel 21:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Central Choir; Clara Osowski, soloist
Jane Ramseyer Miller, conductor

My Feet are Tired, But My Soul is Resting (by Francis Smith Thomas)

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 6:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Mid-Winter Sabbath: Necessity

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

We Respond to God's Gifts

✦ HYMN

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Hymn #797

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (Ecumenical)

Our Parent in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

You are invited to place offering gifts and completed pew cards in the plates as ushers pass them. You may also give online at www.centralforgood.org/give or submit to the office during normal office hours.

OFFERTORY

Lumen (by Abbie Betinis)

Shanta Hejmadi, Abbie Betinis, Clara Osowski

✦ SONG OF DEDICATION

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are generous. As we return a portion of what you have given us, may it be used to proclaim your love in words and actions, here and everywhere. Amen.

We Are Sent Into God's World

✦ HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Hymn #547

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION - Adapted from Jeremiah 29

One: We have gathered together in this sacred place to worship God, be formed as disciples of Jesus, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit. God is now sending us out to bless the world.

All: Therefore we will seek the good of the city where God has called us. We will pray for it, open our doors with compassion, serve our neighbors, and be attentive to God's presence; for in its good we will find our own.

One: God is out there.

All: Let us go forth!

POSTLUDE

I've Got Peace Like a River (arr. Mark Hayes)

Alex Woods, piano

Announcements

View our church calendar and share upcoming events at www.centralforgood.org/calendar.

Fellowship & Creative Fun for All Ages Today

Join with others after worship today in the lower level dining room when Welcome and Fellowship will bring some fun into mid-winter with a sandwich bar, coffee, and creativity!

We will have people who will help you create:

- Create Tote Bags
- Balloon Fun.
- Paint a Rock
- Make Bracelets
- Play with Model Magic
- Explore Science on a Baking Sheet

If you have a craft or hobby that you would like to share, or are able to help with set-up/clean-up, please contact Wendy Flinner or the office. We are excited to share fun, fellowship and creativity during these days of winter!

Welcome Clara Osowski

Mezzo-soprano Clara Osowski is an active soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States and Europe and is recipient of the prestigious McKnight Artist Fellowship for Musicians administered by MacPhail Center for Music. Appearances include performance with the Milwaukee Symphony, Mid-Columbia Symphony, St. Paul Civic Orchestra, Tulsa Signature Symphony, Winona Symphony Orchestra, Winston Salem Symphony, Back Bay Chorale, and the Mobile Symphony

Orchestra. Clara is a frequent collaborator of the Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, and with them she has performed Mahler's Symphony No. 2, and Dominick Argento's orchestral song cycles Casa Guidi and A few words about Chekhov. Clara also serves as the Artistic Director of Source Song Festival, a week-long art song festival in Minneapolis, Minnesota and participates in a number of ensembles, including Lumina Women's Ensemble and Seraphic Fire.

Welcome Jane Ramseyer Miller

Jane Ramseyer Miller currently serves as GALA Choruses' Artistic Director, designing programming for four GALA Festivals as well as previously serving on the board of directors GALA's mission is utilizing music as a tool for social change and promoting equality for LGBTQ+ people. From 1995 to 2023, Jane was the Artistic Director of One Voice Mixed (LGBTQA) Chorus and commissioned more than 40 individual choral works, mostly by queer and BIPOC composers, during her tenure with the chorus.

Jane has also served as Artistic Director for Calliope Women's Chorus, TransVoices, and as Interim Director of the Twin Cities' Gay Men's Chorus. Through her involvement with GALA and One Voice, Jane Ramseyer Miller has played a key role in promoting LGBTQ+ choral music and community engagement

both in Minnesota and around the World. She has been recognized for her contributions to the LGBTQ+ community and to the arts, and has received numerous awards and honors for her work.

Ash Wednesday Service

This year, Valentine's Day is more than just a holiday of cards, chocolates, and flowers; it is Ash Wednesday and the start our Lenten journey.

We welcome you to join us at 7:00 p.m. on February 14 for Ash Wednesday worship service including the imposition of ashes. Music will include our Central Choir, led by Shekela Wanyama, and pianist Alex Woods.

Worship in the Season of Lent

Our Lenten sermon series between February 18 - March 26 will focus on *Strangers and Sojourners*. We will examine portraits of wandering, searching, hospitality, and home throughout the Bible, examining our call as a congregation to support those who search and offering radical hospitality in our lives and our community.

Free and Easy Parking at Central

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot (off 9th Street), KCP lot (at intersection of 9th and Minnesota St), and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp (across Cedar Street). If parking in the ramp, please see an usher for a voucher to pay your ramp fees.

If you are a regular worshipper at Center, we request that you park in the KCP or World Trade Center ramp to keep our most adjacent and accessible lot (MPR) open for visitors.

IN CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY TODAY

CHILDREN AGE BIRTH – 6: Our beautiful nursery is staffed by professional caregivers and full of fun toys and good friends. Childcare is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. today.

GRADES K – 8: Sunday Connection for K-8 follows the Time for Children upstairs in the Galilee Room. (Sign your child in at the back of the sanctuary before worship, then pick them up in the Galilee Room at 11:30 a.m.)

If you are new to Central, or have questions about ministry for those under 18, we invite you to reach out to Jennifer Anderson at jennifera@centralforgood.org.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION AND VALUES

We put our faith into action
by nurturing spiritual growth and reflecting the call of God to serve our neighbor.

We transform our communities
by promoting social justice and engaging others in ministries that drive change.

We invite everyone to the table
sharing fellowship, worship, meals, music, and works as one body.

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This Week at Central

SUNDAY 02/11

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship & Creative Fun
(in Dining Room)
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 02/12

- 6:00 p.m. Finance & Stewardship

TUESDAY 02/13

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 02/14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

SUNDAY 02/18

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Third Sunday Lunch
11:30 a.m. Lifeboats and Compass
Fellowship Meeting (until 1pm)
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

We enter the season of Lent with music that includes Central Choir, soloist Tonia Hughes Kendrick, and organist/pianist Kenny Qian Vigne. After worship, stay for another delicious Third Sunday Lunch.

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