



WELCOME TO CENTRAL
Draw the Circle Wide
OCTOBER 15, 2023



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 Mawulouwoe Foli.**

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

Deep River (arr. Paul Damico Carper)

Paul Damico-Carper

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP - From Matthew 25

Denny Reimer

One: Jesus said, "I was hungry, thirsty, lonely, and afraid."

All: **And the just will give food, water, companionship, and justice.**

One: Lord, when was it that we saw you in need and cared for you?

All: **When it is done for those who are in need and for the oppressed, it is done for God.**

✦ OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you welcome us into your wide circle of love, erasing all the boundaries we place between ourselves and others. You have also given us arms to open wide to extend your love to all the world. May your call to hospitality break open our hearts with empathy, and may the needs of others lead us to deeper justice. Amen.

✦ HYMN

Spirit, Open My Heart

Hymn #692

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

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

All: **And also with you.**

MOMENT FOR HOSPITALITY

Welcome & Fellowship Committee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: God, we confess before you and in the presence of our siblings that we have sinned. We have chosen security over hospitality, safekeeping for ourselves when you have called us to be generous. We have sought small circles of safe companionship, when you have called us to open our arms wider. In your mercy, forgive our sins, open our hearts, and lead us on ways that welcome all to your great feast of love.

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 (by N. Sleeth) - United States

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

ANTHEM

Section Leaders and Central Choir; Lucy Hiestand, drums; CREO Dancers

Draw the Circle Wide (by M. Miller)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE READING - Exodus 32:1,3-4,7-12,14 & Isaiah 25:1-9

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON - "When the Going Gets Golden"

Rev. David Stewart

We Respond to God's Gifts

HYMN

Together We Serve

Hymn #767

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Adapted from Clarence Jordan's *Cotton Patch Gospel*

Our Parent, O Spiritual One,
Your Name be truly honored.
Your Movement spread, your will prevail
Through earth, as through the heavens.
Grant us sustaining bread each day.
Forgive our debts as we forgive
The debts of all who cannot pay.
And from confusion keep us clear;
Deliver us from evil's sway.
For the Movement, Power, and Honor are yours,
From now until the end.

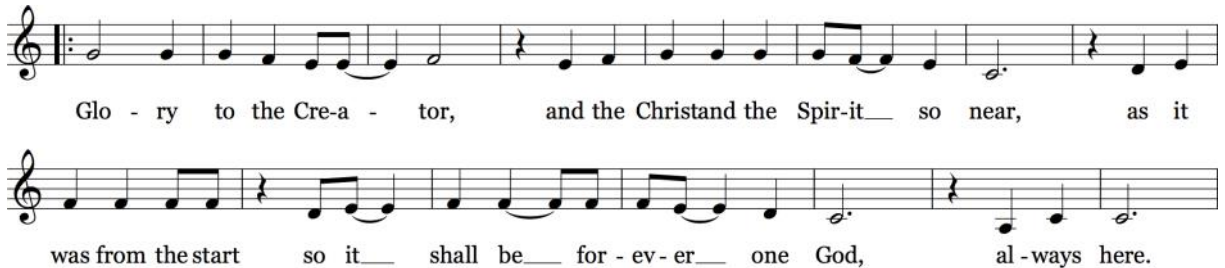
CALL FOR OFFERING

*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

Central Choir; Paul Damico-Carper, solo; Lucy Hiestand, drums
Crowded Table (arr. A. Ramsey)

✦ DOXOLOGY



Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ and the Spir-it__ so near, as it
was from the start so it__ shall be__ for - ev - er__ one God, al - ways here.

✦ 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

Draw the Circle Wide (by G. Light)

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DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE - G. Light



Refrain
Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid-er still.



Let this be our song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by



side, draw the cir-cle wide.



wide. Draw the cir-cle

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle,
2. Let our hearts touch far ho - ri - zons,
3. Let the dreams we dream be larg - er,



1. 'Round whom all cre - a - tion turns; Nothing lost, but
2. So en - com-pass great and small; Let our lov - ing
3. Than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore; Let the dream of



1. held for - ev - er, In God's gra - cious arms.
2. know no bor - ders, Faith - ful to God's call.
3. Christ be in us, O - pen ev - ery door.

✦ **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

Scottish Fiddle Medley (by Joan McDonald Boes / Anna Massie)

Paul Damico-Carper

GIVING

Be it regular giving, special offerings, or a donation drive, Central offers a variety of options to fit your needs.



Drop in the Offering Plate
Each Sunday during worship



Mail a Check
500 Cedar St, St. Paul, MN 55101



Deliver In Person
Bring to office (M-Th 9am-3:30pm)



Donate Online
www.centralforgood.org/give



Text Giving Via Credit Card
Text givecentral to 73256.



Bank Account Transfer
Set up one time or recurring online

Have Questions? Call (651) 224-4728 ext. 100 or email office@centralforgood.org.

Announcements

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

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 1 – 5: Sunday Connection class follows the Time for Children. Sign your child in at the back table near the Ushers. Pick up in the Orange Room upstairs at 11:30.

GRADES 6 – 8: Sunday Connection class follows the Time for Children. Sign your child in at the back table near the Ushers. Pick up in the Orange Room upstairs at 11:30. Lifeboats Fellowship meets at 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

GRADES 9 - 12: Compass fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

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.

Welcome Rev. David Stewart

Born a SoCal beachboy, Rev. David Stewart became a Minnesotan in 1985 when he accepted a call to Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church (DAPC), moving from Pendleton, Oregon, where he served three churches for ten years. With family in tow – Spouse Elona Street-Stewart, daughter Shekinah, and sons Clinton and Deacon, they settled into the Summit-University neighborhood they still call home, welcoming Cole in 1987. They have four grandchildren living in the East Metro and one in Poncha Springs, CO.

David completed his tenure at DAPC on December 31, 2015 and now ministers in the community through a youth outreach non-profit he helped form - Transforming

NextGen - and teaching Tai Ji Quan – Moving for Better Balance to seniors. His partner in ministry, Elona, has served the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for over thirty years, currently as Synod Executive.

Welcome Artist-in-Residence Paul Damico-Carper

Paul Damico-Carper is a church musician, worship leader, tech director, composer, and multi-instrumentalist. He recently served as Assistant Director of Music and Worship Production at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN, where he developed a worship production ministry in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. With his wife Elizabeth, he directed and led a daily livestream devotional ministry for the first year of the pandemic on

Facebook called the “Community Video Hymn Sing.”

In 2020, Paul received the Brugh Emerging Leader Award from the Institute of Liturgical Studies (Valparaiso University). He serves on the editorial board of *CrossAccent* (the journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians) and has been a core member of the worship band at ELCA Churchwide assemblies for the last decade.

Paul holds degrees in music (B.A. '04, Valparaiso University) and theology (M.A.T.S. '11, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago) and was shaped by life in community at Holden Village.

He loves spending time with his family, cooking, playing fiddle with friends, and walking the family's dogs along the banks of the Mississippi River.

Welcome Dancers of the CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory

Today we welcome CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory to worship. Last February, older dancers from the VERVE Dance Company joined us. This time, it is the younger dancers sharing their dance ministry.

At the heart of CREO is the fusion of Christian faith and movement. The conservatory teaches dancers to improvise in the spirit, explore their faith through Biblical understanding and deductive reasoning, and express the message of Gospel through performance.

To learn more about this group, visit their website at www.creodance.com.

Did You Know?

When it was built, like most other buildings, Central Presbyterian Church was heated with coal, supplemented by five fireplaces. Coal was delivered weekly to the north side of the building and shoveled into the coal room in the sub-basement.

The openings to the coal shuts are still visible. They look like blocked-up windows in the limestone foundation. In the sub-basement, on the east side at the base of the chimney, there is an opening to empty the ashes from the fireplaces. From there, the ashes were taken to an ash pit that is under the alley that is between the church and St. Louis Church. The fireplaces are still in place but no longer functional.

In the early 20th century, the church converted to oil heating. A very large oil tank was installed in the sub-basement on the north side. This tank can still be seen behind a wall because it was too big to be removed without cutting it up into pieces. It was emptied of oil and filled with a substance to make it safe.

In the later part of the 20th century the church converted to hot water heat. St. Paul pioneered a city-wide hot water heating system, and our church was one of the first customers. Each customer is charged a monthly fee to maintain the system in place and be ready when needed. When the heat is turned on, an additional fee based on amount of use is charged.

All-Church Variety Show

Do you juggle or dance? How about play guitar or know a joke or two? Come and share your talent, and cheer on others, at our All-Ages Talent Show on Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 pm.

A little nervous about doing something on your own? Find a few church friends to join you! It's more fun when more people are involved! (If we have more acts than we have space for, preference will be given to the acts that have more people involved.)

To register your act for the talent show, simply fill out the form to the right and return to the office!

Interested in Becoming a Member of Central?

Join us after worship next Sunday, October 22 for a new members Inquirer's Class to learn more about what membership at Central means – who we are, what we believe, and why being a member matters.

Even for the life-long Presbyterian, participation in this class is a chance to connect with others who are new, get to know the pastor, and learn about the many opportunities for fellowship and service that are unique to this congregation.

We'll gather from 11:45 to 1:00 p.m., including a brief tour of parts of our historic building you may not have seen yet! RSVP to

TALENT SHOW SIGN UP FORM OCTOBER 29 | 6:30 P.M.



Name of Act:

Name of Contact Person:

Names of all people involved:

What will you be performing?

How long is your act? _____
(If it's longer than 5 minutes, trim it down.)

Do you need special equipment?
(e.g. Music stand, piano, microphone)

Do you need someone to accompany you?
(If yes, please attach the music to this form.)

YES

NO

Sign up deadline is October 22, 2023.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Jennifer Anderson,

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Living Our Values

STEWARDSHIP

From now through November 12, we'll be highlighting the ministries of Central Presbyterian Church during this season of stewardship. Our budget is one way that we put our values into practice, and we invite you to consider how your gifts can help us do the ministry God is calling us towards together.

This Sunday, we're highlighting the ministry of Welcome and Fellowship.

From coffee and snacks after worship to helping our new members feel welcome, this work is at the core of who we are - people who have been welcomed by God, sharing that welcome with one another.

As you consider this ministry and the many others of Central, we invite you to do a few things:

- Read through the packet titled "Living Our Values." These are available at the doors to the sanctuary, and are a "look under the hood" at how our finances work, and where we hope to go.
- Consider your gift and pray about it. Your decision to give financially is an act of trust in this congregation and in God. While we'll never ask you to give more than is financially sound for you, we do hope that you will consider what's possible as part of our shared community of faith.
- Make a pledge by November 12th. We ask for pledges and regular giving because it helps us budget wisely. By letting us know your plan, we'll be able to plan for the coming year and the ministry we'll do together.

Thank you. You are making possible the witness and ministry of this church within these walls, and beyond as God sends us out.

Read about our stewardship goals at www.centralforgood.org/give.

This Week at Central

SUNDAY 10/15

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
Sunday Connection
11:30 a.m. Third Sunday Lunch
11:30 a.m. Lifeboats Fellowship Meets
6:30 p.m. Compass Fellowship Meets
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 10/16

- 4:30 p.m. Children & Youth Committee
7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee

TUESDAY 10/17

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (on Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 10/18

- 10:30 a.m. Peaceful Presence
11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
7:15 p.m. Central Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 10/19

- 5:30 p.m. Connection Circle (on Zoom)

SATURDAY 10/21

- 4:00 p.m. Parish - Regnier Wedding

SUNDAY 10/22

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
11:45 a.m. New Members Inquirers' Class
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Pastor Chris preaches on 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30 and we focus on the role our building plays in the life of the congregation. Central Choir sings, the Chamber Ensemble plays, and Melanie Ohnstad plays the organ.

The Central Team

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