

A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a black cardigan over a vibrant rainbow-colored dress and a headband with colorful flowers, is focused on lighting a candle. She holds a lit matchstick over a tray of many small, glowing candles in glass holders. The tray is covered with a white lace cloth. In the background, a person in a red vest is also lighting a candle. The setting is a church with wooden pews and a warm, dimly lit atmosphere.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Look Both Ways

NOVEMBER 5, 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 LeVuo Juhnke.**

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

During this service, there will be two separate opportunities to name loved ones. First, the "Music During Candle Lighting" invites all to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones. Later in the service, during the Communion Prayer, Rev. Chatelaine-Samsen will name each member or close associate of the church who died since the last All Saints' observance. Please feel free to come forward after worship to look at the display of items brought today to remind us of those named in the communion prayer.

PRELUDE

Melanie Ohnstad, organist

Tribute, A Lullaby for Organ (by Craig Phillips)
In Paradisum (by Daniel-Lesur)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP - From Revelation 14

SPARK! Kids

One: I heard a voice from the heavens saying, write this down:

All: **Blessed are those who die in the goodness of the Lord.**

One: This is what the Spirit says:

All: **They rest from their labors, for their works follow after them**

INVITATION TO CANDLE LIGHTING

MUSIC DURING CANDLE LIGHTING

Neither Death Nor Life (by J Crutchfield)
In Memory (by J. Cotter)

Central Choir; Melanie Ohnstad, organist
Jennifer Anderson, pianist

✦ HYMN

For All the Saints

Hymn #326, verses 1, 3, 5

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: Because we know that God loves us, we can confess our sins to God and know that God always forgives us.

All: God, we confess to you and in the presence of one another that we have sinned. We have sinned by failing to receive the gifts our forebears have offered. We have sinned by failing to consider future generations in the decisions we make. In your mercy, forgive us, and lead us on paths that help bind the communion of saints from the past, present, and future into one humanity.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: God loves us. God's plan has always been to make things right with us and with the whole world. That's why we are sure that this is true:

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE READING - Deuteronomy 6:1-9

REFLECTION - "Look Both Ways"

Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

We Respond to God's Gifts

CALL FOR OFFERING

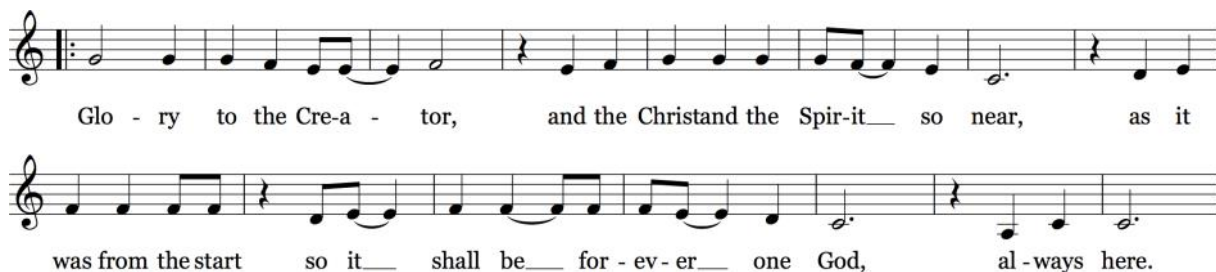
You are invited to place offering gifts and completed pew cards in the plates as ushers pass them. You may also give online at www.centralforgood.org/give or submit to the office during normal office hours.

OFFERTORY

Melanie Ohnstad, organist

Children of the Heavenly Father (by John Ferguson)

✦ 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 Fed by God's Love

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to the table! Please come forward through the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Bread is available in baskets, and grape juice either in cups or by intinction (dipping).

Gluten free wafers are also available when you come forward. If you would like to remain seated, communion will be brought to you. .

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Come to the Table of Grace

Central Choir
Hymn #507

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Lord, you feed us in body and spirit. Send us into the world nourished to proclaim your blessings.

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

Melanie Ohnstad, organist

For All the Saints (arr. David Cherwien)

This is based on the familiar hymn, but you have to listen carefully to catch how the composer incorporates the tune into this toccata. You'll hear the first 4 notes of the hymn when the pedal enters. The whole piece is about 5 minutes long, so feel free to stay seated and listen, or you may wish to come up and look at the memorial items placed on the chancel, or gather in the Friendship Room for a time of fellowship.

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



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



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Text givecentral to 73256.



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Set up one time or recurring online

Have Questions? Call (651) 224-4728 ext. 100 or email office@centraforgood.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 professionally staffed nursery offers fun toys and good friends. Open 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. today, we ask that you sign your child in and out.

GRADES 1 & UP: Worship is led today by our Spark! youth, who will remain in the sanctuary.

GRADES 6 – 8: 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.

Faith Formation Class Today

NOVEMBER TOPIC: HEALTH CARE

Health care is a critical issue for human rights. This is true for issues that dominate contemporary political discourse - take access to gender-affirming care - as well as broader issues like who gets access to health care, and how health care contributes to a thriving life.

As readers of the Bible, we believe, or at least suspect, that God has something to say to us about a good and thriving life for all through the words of Scripture. Yet it's difficult to be in conversation about modern issues with a document written in the ancient near east, with vastly different assumptions and access to basic knowledge (the germ theory of disease wasn't accepted until 150 years ago!).

After worship TODAY at 11:30 a.m. in the upstairs Lounge, we'll have some of that

conversation. We'll identify the ways in which access to health care is part of a thriving life, how we can be responsible readers of the Bible as we look for God's intentions for the good of all, and how we might act in the world in response to that intersection. Join us, bring an open mind, and your questions.

Call to Congregational Meeting

An in-person congregational meeting to elect officers will be held Sunday, November 19 immediately following the worship service. All active members of the Central congregation are eligible to vote and be considered for office. A slate of nominees for vacant positions on the Session and Board of Deacons will be presented by the Nominating Committee, as well as nominations for next year's Nominating Committee member-at-large positions. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.



Calling All Children & Youth: Join This Year's Christmas Pageant!

It is not yet Thanksgiving, but preparations are already underway for this year's season of Advent. So, get ready for another fun, yet meaningful, Christmas pageant!

Rehearsals will be held on November 12, 19 and December 3 during worship. (Parts will be assigned at the first rehearsal **NEXT SUNDAY!**)

Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Pageant is shared in worship on December 1. So be sure to invite your grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, godparents, and friends! This will be a wonderful morning of storytelling.

Parental help is also needed with props and costumes. Reach out to Jennifer Anderson if you can be part of the team!

Food Drive Collection Next Week

Central's Hunger Initiative Task Force and Mission & Justice Committee are sponsoring a donation drive on November 12 to benefit the Keystone food shelf on Rice Street. This is a great opportunity to put your FAITH into ACTION. So, how can you donate?

MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION - Financial contributions enable bulk food buys for "bigger bang for the buck." You make a financial gift via check made out to Keystone Community Services, with 'Rice Street' noted on the memo field of your check. Use the Special Offering envelopes in your pew and place your donations in the offering plate, or return to the office.

DONATE NEEDED FOOD ITEMS - High priority staples right now are rice, pasta, cereal, and peanut butter. Canned items with pop-top lids that do not require a can opener are always amazing, like soups, fruits, veggies, tomato sauce, etc. Also very popular are quick ready-to-eat foods like granola bars and shelf-stable microwave meals. Please check first that items are not out-of-date. There will be blue barrels or boxes near the Dining Room as well as the Friendship Room.

Please bring donations to church next Sunday, November 12. Any questions, contact Leon Oman through the church office.

Book Study of 'In the Night of Memory'

On November 16 at 7:00 p.m. the Anti-Racism Task Force is hosting on Zoom a discussion of *In the Night of Memory* by

Indigenous author and professor Linda LaGarde Grover. Hailed as "a moving story of loss and recovery in Native America... a remarkable achievement," this novel follows a mother who surrenders her daughters to the courts, only to become another in a long history of missing Native women. A limited number of copies of the book are available in the church office for \$15 or by emailing Anna at office@centralforgood.org.

Women's Networking Group

On Tuesday, November 14 the Women of Central are heading to the Loon Café (426 St. Peter St., St. Paul), just a few blocks from Central for their monthly networking group. This group is open to all women of Central, including all ages and backgrounds. This is a great way to meet and connect with others in our community.

To participate, meet them at Central at 5:15 p.m. to walk to the Loon together or meet the group at the restaurant at 5:30 p.m.. If you plan to attend, please RSVP so a reservation can be made to women@centralforgood.org.

Deacons

Central's Deacons work with the pastor to care for the members of the congregation. That includes things like coordinating rides to church for members who don't drive, offering meals after a major life event, visiting for prayer and conversation, and more.

If you know somebody who might appreciate a Deacon connection, please email Pastor Chris or the office. If you are be able to help with serving a need like giving a ride or making a meal, let us know as well!



YES, I WANT TO GIVE! (RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE)

- Please provide me a box of weekly offering envelopes.
- I want to pay monthly by direct bank transfer. (Set up online at www.centralforgood.org/give)
- Please contact me about donating stock or other investments.
- I want to donate via by credit card. (www.centralforgood.org/give)
- I would like to make a special year-end gift of \$_____.



My pledge for 2024 is \$_____ per week, month, year (circle one)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for your financial gift.



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 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.

Today, we are highlighting Central's ministry with children and youth.

We pass on those things we care about most deeply to our children in the hope they become their best selves, living lives of faith, hope, and love. In a world that always demands more, even of young people, we creatively invest in forming them through lessons, music, fun, and more, so that they might know God's love in their lives and share that same love throughout the world.

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 12. 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.



THE ADVENT SEASON LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY UPON US!

Mark your calendars to join us throughout the coming season as we prepare ourselves for Christ's coming.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - 10:30 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent with soloist Clara Osowski.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 10:00 A.M.

Deck the Halls Brunch with the Women of Central and All-Church Decorating at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 - 9:30 A.M.

Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. (Prior rehearsals on will be held on November 12, 19, and December 3).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday of Advent including presentation of the Children's Pageant.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 10:30 A.M.

Advent service featuring *Nine Lessons and Carols* and soloist Tonia Hughes Kendrick.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Worship Services at 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service. (There will be no morning worship service).

www.centraforgood.org/calendar

This Week at Central

SUNDAY 11/05

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Worship - All Saints' Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
(in Upstairs Meeting Lounge)
- 11:30 a.m. Lifeboats Middle School Meets
- 6:30 p.m. Compass Senior High Meets
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 11/06

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome & Fellowship Meeting

TUESDAY 11/07 - ELECTION DAY

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Mission & Justice Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Management
& Risk Assessment Meeting

WEDNESDAY 11/08

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

SATURDAY 11/11

- 11:00 a.m. Volunteer Opportunity at
St. Paul Opportunity Center

SUNDAY 11/12

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

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Pastor Chris preaches on Luke 4:16-30 as we close the stewardship season and focus on the work of Mission and Justice. Music will focus on our call for social justice, including music from the Justice Choir Songbook.

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