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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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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

Give Thanks (by Henry Smith, arr. Fred Bock)

Alex Woods, piano

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP - From Isaiah 55

Jane Lonergan

One: You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace.

All: **The mountains and the hills before shall burst into song.**

One: And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: **It shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

✦ OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come this day with gratitude. Gratitude for the earth and its bounty. Gratitude for companionship and community. Gratitude for sustenance and shelter. Gratitude for love and compassion. In response to our gratitude to you, help to bear those things we are most thankful for to one another. May we be instruments of your grace.

✦ HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #39

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 MISSION - Thank Offering

Sue Hoffman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

All: God, you give us all we need in due season, filling the earth with plenty for all. And yet our greed knows no bounds. We have satisfied ourselves not with your gifts but with excess. We have found comfort not in your grace but in perpetual consumption. In your mercy, forgive our sins. Restore us to right relationship with one another and with the earth, our shared home. Help us live true lives of gratitude. .

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE READING - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

SOLO Tonia Hughes Kendrick, solo
Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing) (Traditional; arr. C. Tomlin)

SCRIPTURE READING - Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON - "Enough" Rev. Chris Chatelaine-Samsen

We Respond to God's Gifts

✠HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn #643

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Doug Fink
Joanie Gordon
Tony Hoffman
Nick & Anne Kivel (plus Casey)
Kris Lund
Susan Rostkowski

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

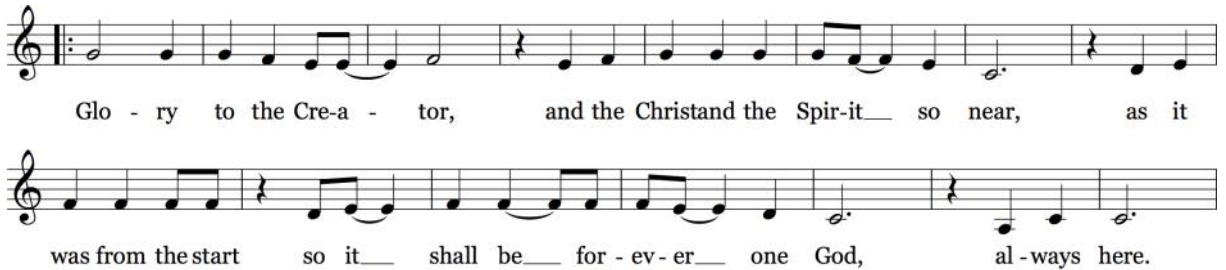
*You are invited to place offering gifts and completed pew cards in the plates
as ushers pass them. You may also give online at www.centralforgood.org/give
or submit to the office during normal office hours.*

OFFERTORY

Tonia Hughes Kendrick, soloist; Central Choir

Grateful (by S. Tinnesz, C. Brown, M. Harper)

♠ SONG OF RESPONSE



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

Give Thanks

Hymn #647

✦ **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

Paradise of Life (from *Our Planet Earth* by Karen Tanaka)

Alex Woods, piano

GIVING

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



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Announcements

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

In Children & Youth Ministry Today

ALL AGES: Rehearsal for pageant will take place upstairs in Galilee Room at 10:30 a.m.

GRADES 6 - 12: Lifeboats and Compass will work on pageant blocking in the sanctuary from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Those who would like to sing with Lessons and Carols will then stay and rehearse from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. Note, there is no Compass meeting this evening.

If your child did not get a part last Sunday, but they would like to be included, please speak with Jennifer Anderson ASAP! You can find all this info, recordings of songs, and pageant schedule online at www.centralforgood.org/children-youth.

Call to Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting to elect officers will be held next TODAY immediately following worship. All active members of the Central congregation are eligible to vote and be considered for office. A list of nominees by the Nominating Committee for vacant positions on the Session and Board is listed below. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the meeting.

FOR SESSION ELDERS

- Phyllis Brashler (2nd term)
- Johanna Gordon (Class of 2025)
- Nicole Johnson
- Ernest Lloyd (2nd term)
- Marcia Robert (2nd term)
- Susan Rostkoski

FOR DEACONS

- Beverly Bodom

- Allyne Burg (2nd term)
- Stephanie Geisler (2nd term)
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Third Sunday Lunch

You are invited to join us for a catered lunch in the lower level dining room following worship today. A free will donation of \$10 per person is suggested, although no one is turned away for lack of funds. Vegetarian options are available - simply speak with kitchen staff for this option.

Thank Offering Collected Today

The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering focuses on financial assistance to mission projects locally and around the world. It helps fund programs that provide health care support, safe housing, recovery from disaster and more. Over 40% of the projects are related to health ministries. Presbyterian

Women USA manage the offering so that 100% of your donations go directly to the projects. Funds donated in 2023 will support projects in 2024. Through your generosity, seven projects received grants in 2023. These projects range from providing support for people experiencing homelessness following natural disaster, resources to grow food to help address food insecurity, providing access to mental health needs of LGBTQIA+ youth and building a health center in rural Zambia for women to improve maternal health.

There are several ways you can donate to the Thank Offering., including check (payable to Women of Central) or online. We will also have baskets to collect donations during today's Third Sunday Lunch. You can also donate online at centralforgood.org/give and choose Thank Offering - Women of Central in the Special Offering section of the page.

Thank You for Your Pledges

Thank you to those who have turned in your pledge for giving in 2023 as part of our Stewardship Dedication Sunday. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, we encourage you to still submit one. Pledges to the church help the Finance and Stewardship Committee create a budget for the upcoming year and will be accepted through December.

Offering Envelopes

Would you like to get a box of weekly offering envelopes to use for your financial contributions to Central? Central distributes (upon request) a boxed set of giving envelopes that are dated for each Sunday of the year, including several special offerings.

Did you get a box of envelopes this year, but do not use them? We will happily take you off the list to save paper and printing costs.

Please contact the church office at office@centralforgood.org or call (651) 224-4728 to order a box or cancel your order for next year. If you received a box this year, and want to continue again, you need not do anything.

Do You Have a Spare Laptop?

Central's Deacons have received a request from one of our homebound members for a laptop so they can stay connected to Central, email, and watch online worship.

Do you have one that no longer meets your personal needs? If so consider donating it to Central! The need is simple so all the latest bells and whistles are not necessary. Simply one that will do basic email and online activity. If you have one to donate, reach out to Anna Sanchez in the office.

STAY CONNECTED!



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ADVENT SEASON IS SOON 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.

Advent begins with soloist Clara Osowski.

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

Deck the Halls Brunch with the Women of Central and Decorating at 11:00 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).



Be a Part of This Year's Christmas Pageant!

Advent will soon be here and our youngest church members are already heard at work getting ready for another fun, yet meaningful, Christmas pageant. Come share in this year's event!

- Rehearsals will be held on November 19 and December 3 during worship.
- Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.

The pageant will be shared in worship on December 10. Invite your family and friends for 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!



Today we welcomed the following people into the congregation of Central as new members. As they continue to make their home here, we invite you to learn more about them below and engage them in the life, people and culture of Central when you see them.

DOUG FINK

My wife Ruthena and I were members of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church which closed several years ago. I grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa, went to Grinnell College and the University of Minnesota Law School. Ruthie and I met at Grinnell and, when we were married in 1969, I moved to Minnesota. I practiced law in downtown St. Paul for 45 years. I was a solo practitioner specializing in personal injury law.

We had 3 daughters. One died of heart problems related to her Down's Syndrome. The other two live in the St. Paul suburbs and each has 2 boys, ages 2, 4, 5, and 10. My passion is golf and I have spent the last 7 winters in Arizona.

JOHANNA GORDON

I first came to Central during the pandemic. It started with helping my mother, Maggie, get onto Zoom for Bible Study. I listened in for a few weeks and then joined in myself. I began to watch the video services with her. Since

then, Central has taken on a progressively larger role in my life. I volunteer on the live-stream production and have also joined the Facilities Management & Risk Assessment committee.

TONY HOFFMAN

I was introduced to Central by Sue Runkel about 20 years ago. Having been raised Catholic, I was impressed by the more progressive Presbyterian doctrine and Central's mission, including its social justice emphasis and leadership -- all of which resonated with my values.

Sue and I decided to get married at Central, and it has been my faith community ever since. Over the years, I have participated in Deck the Halls and Project Home.

I grew up in the Twin Cities and have lived here most of my life. I am retired from 3M (where I met Sue), and I enjoy outdoor activities such as golf, skiing and hiking, as well as volunteering and spending time with my family.

NICK AND ANNE KIVEL

We (Anne, Nick, and son Casey) found Central Presbyterian through youth group. Casey attended a few events, so we decided to check out the church from there. We live in South St. Paul. Anne and Nick have been married for 14 years. Casey attends school in South St. Paul. Anne works in healthcare and Nick works in IT.

We enjoy sporting events, concerts, and travel. We have one dog, Shadow, a 9 year old black lab. Casey does karate. We have felt very welcome by Central and are looking forward to the future.

KRIS LUND

I grew up as a "town kid" in a farming community in Nebraska, moving to Saint Paul to attend Macalester College. While in college, I volunteered at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church and met my husband of 56 years, Kristofer Lund. We have two sons and five grandchildren - three boys, two girls. One son lives in Pittsburgh. His two oldest children are students at Macalester. We see them regularly, generally checking out the refrigerator. Two grandsons (twins) just started college at Carleton and our youngest grandchild is in middle school in Pittsburgh. Social work was my career. My first job was working for the Presbyterian Hunger Program and at retirement I was working in programs for elders and people with disabilities.

I have been drawn to Central's logo ("In the city for Good"), people-centered programs and work for justice, wonderful music and children's programs, serious bible study and other learning opportunities, and thoughtful, accessible preaching. And - very important - outstandingly welcoming people! I look forward to worshipping with you, getting to know you, and being involved in Central's work to uplift the people of this city.

SUSAN ROSTKOWSKI

My growing up years were spent in Ohio where I attended Ohio University but rooted for The Ohio State University's football team.

My two careers were very different from one another: corporate life for 24 years, then nonprofit work for 21 years. I am currently employed very part time, volunteer full time, and take every opportunity to have coffee with friends and learn new things. Service is a high priority for me.

I have lived across the country (Boston to Honolulu, Chicago to Tampa) but found my home in Minnesota. I am an admitted cat lady, though I only have one at the moment.

I found my church home at Central through singing in VocalPoint and meeting all the great people who sang too and were active in this church. I look forward to being an official part of this wonderful congregation where I have been attending for the last five years.



This Week at Central

SUNDAY 11/19

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m. Third Sunday Lunch
11:30 a.m. Lifeboats & Compass Meet
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 11/20

- 2:30 p.m. Beacon Leadership Meeting

TUESDAY 11/21

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY 11/22

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch

THURSDAY 11/23 & FRIDAY 11/24

Office closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

SUNDAY 11/26 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting
11:30 a.m. Knitting Group
11:45 a.m. Chamber Ensemble Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Advent begins as we again await the coming of Jesus into our midst! Mezzo Soprano Clara Osowski is accompanied by Alex Woods on piano as we begin our Advent journey.

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