



# CENTRAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**BATTLE OF THE KINGS:  
Who Gets Our Gift?**

JANUARY 6, 2019



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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 **Bim Juhnke**.

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Central as a mark of a healthy and vibrant community. Young children can stay with you in worship, or you can escort them upstairs to our nursery. For children who stay with you, we offer worship bags of child friendly activities at the back of the sanctuary. (Please return them either to an usher or to the tree stand at the end of the service.) Children are also invited to the front of the sanctuary during worship for a special children's message.

## FLOWERS

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

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## PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in the MPR lot and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across from MPR on Cedar Street. If parking in the ramp, be sure to get a chaser ticket from the usher to avoid ramp fees. For weekday parking options, visit our website.

## 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 hearing aid technology. If you require other assistance, hearing devices are available from ushers.



Reserved 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# 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.*

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit

## PRELUDE

*Light Dawns on a Weary World [ setting A. D. Miller ]*

## WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

David Winkworth

- L: There are different gifts  
C: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
L: There are different ways of serving God,  
C: **but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
L: In our work and in our praise,  
C: **Let us worship God!**

## ✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*We Three Kings [ #151 ]*

- Verse 1: All  
Verse 2: Women (all sing refrain)  
Verse 3: Men (all sing refrain)  
Verse 4: Choir alone (all sing refrain)  
Verse 5: All

## 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: God's mercy is greater than we deserve,  
C: **greater than we can imagine.**  
L: Indeed, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,

C: strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep us in eternal life.  
L: And let all God's forgiven people say,  
C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*We invite young children to stay in worship with their families following the passing of the peace,  
or they may have their parents/guardians sign them into the nursery upstairs.*

## ✠ PASSING THE PEACE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 60:1-6 [ p. 649 in pew Bible ]

## GREEK SCRIPTURES

Matthew 2:1-12 [ p. 1 in pew Bible ]

L: The Word of the Lord  
C: Thanks be to God

## SERMON - "Battle of the Kings: Who Gets Our Gifts?"

Rev. David Colby

## ✠ HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!* [ #744 ]

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

L: There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.  
C: **God works through different people in different ways,  
but it is the same God who works through them all.**  
L: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit, to use it for the common good.  
C: **Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

## PRESENTATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

## AFFIRMATION OF THE CONGREGATION

## THE ACT OF ORDINATION

## THE ACT OF INSTALLATION

## UNISON PRAYER

God of grace, who calls us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✠ HYMN

*Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness [ #514 ]*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Loving God in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now

and forever. Amen.

*(The Lord's Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)*

### COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

*All are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread (gluten-free) and dip the bread into the chalice.  
We use grape juice, rather than wine. If you are not able to come forward for communion, a team of servers  
will serve you in your seat.*



## A WORD FROM REV. COLBY

*At Central, we like to proclaim that we are “In the City for Good.” I think it is spot on for what this church is all about. We believe our worship is connected to our daily lives. Our mission, including using our facilities as a temporary shelter for homeless children and their parents each November, is not separated from our praise and prayers. Trusting Jesus’ warning that “God alone is good,” we don’t claim to be perfect, but we do want to participate in God’s work in and among us. This is a church with a historic past but an even brighter future. We are growing in people, energy, and faith. We invite you into this community of faith and hope.*

*If you are visiting today, I hope that you will introduce yourself to me after the service.  
Welcome to Central!*

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### ARTIST RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP

Join us after worship TODAY for an artist reception for JoAnne Wahlstrom, whose work is currently on display in the Friendship Room. JoAnne Wahlstrom is a nature and architectural photographer whose work has been showcased at US Bank, Landmark Center, The Garden Club of America, and the Minnesota State Fair, earning best-in-class and best-in-show accolades.

### WOMEN’S NETWORKING DINNER

Join the Women of Central for their next networking dinner on Thursday, January 10 when they will be dining at Holman’s Table at the STP Airport. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the to Sue Hoffman at syhoffman123@comcast.net or call 612-998-6389. Child care is available if you notify us when you RSVP that it is needed.

### OPEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wondering what it’s like to sing in the Central Choir? Love to sing but haven’t yet committed to joining? We are holding an “Open Choir Rehearsal” on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You are invited to join

us for that evening – we’ll provide everything you need and there will be no arm-twisting to join. You can plan to simply join us for that one rehearsal (and sing on Sunday), or it’s a great opportunity to see if this is an area of ministry that you might want to participate in on a regular basis. The Central Choir is a friendly, joyful group of people who welcomes newcomers easily. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Anderson (Director of Music Ministry) at JenniferA@cpctstpaul.org.

### MISSION TRIP DISCUSSION

Want to learn about the hurricane recovery efforts and experiences of Central’s mission trip team who traveled to Puerto Rico this past November? Then join us after worship next Sunday, January 13 for photos, stories and conversations about the current island conditions, work efforts and insight gained.

### VOCALPOINT CONCERTS

#### FEBRUARY 9 & 10 AT 4:00 PM

Rehearsals are underway, so mark your calendars to attend this unforgettable concert. To learn more, go to VocalPoint’s website at [www.vocalpointchorus.org](http://www.vocalpointchorus.org).

# THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

## SUNDAY 1/6

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. Artist Reception - JoAnne Wahlstrom  
12:15 p.m. VocalPoint Registration and Rehearsal at 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

## TUESDAY 1/8

- 10:30 a.m. Book Group  
10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Men's Luncheon  
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet  
5:00 p.m. Martha's Closet Evening Hours

## WEDNESDAY 1/9

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Lunch  
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet  
6:15 p.m. Facilities Management & Risk Assessment Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. DAPCN Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY 1/10

- 11:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle  
5:30 p.m. Women's Networking Dinner

## SUNDAY 1/13

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship  
11:45 a.m. Puerto Rico Presentation  
12:15 p.m. VocalPoint Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

# CENTRAL TEAM

## PASTORAL CARE

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## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Currently Hiring,  
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Meghan Beese, Preschool Teacher

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### STAFF UPDATE

Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator  
Erik Juvonen resigned this week. We wish him  
well in his future endeavors.