



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

on the edge
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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 **Doris Shull**.

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.

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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

Ars Nova Brass Quintet
Vier Spanische Renaissance Villancicos [by Hinterbichler]
The Heavens Are Telling [Marcello; arr. Nelson]

WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Vance

- L: The world belongs to the Lord.
C: **The earth and all its people.**
L: How good and how lovely it is,
C: **To live together in unity.**
L: Love and faith come together,
C: **Justice and peace join hands.**
L: If those who love the Lord keep silent,
C: **Even the stones would shout aloud.**
L: Lord, open our lips,
C: **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

✠ HYMN

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship [#396]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
C: **Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**
L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
C: **The old life has gone; a new life begun.**
L: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
And let all God's 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 [p. 657 in pew Bible]

GREEK SCRIPTURES

Luke 4:21-30 [p. 53 in pew Bible]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

COMMUNION MEDITATION - "On the Edge"

Rev. David Colby

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦ HYMN

Come to the Table of Grace [#507]

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

As you walk through the doors into the sanctuary here at Central, you can feel the history and something of the sacred within this space. Yet, I hope you also feel the vitality of our people and programs, and our focus on the present. If you are looking for a place to put your beliefs into action or if you are looking for a community to provide support and inspiration, we are looking for you. Central is open and affirming of all people who enter our doors. If you are visiting today, I hope that you will introduce yourself during and after the service.

Welcome to Central!

THANK YOU, ARS NOVA BRASS QUINTET!

Thank you to our Artist-in-Residence, the Ars Nova Brass Quintet, for their contribution to today's service. The Ars Nova Brass Quintet engages and entertains its audience by presenting an innovative perspective: Brass instruments are not just for marches and fanfares. The quintet performs music of variety and expression from all time periods, styles and moods. Their repertoire includes music of the Renaissance, Classical and Romantic periods, both religious and secular, as well as gospel, jazz and ragtime.

The musicians include Ehrich Koch, - trumpet, Miriam Dennis - Trumpet, Melissa Kalal - Horn, Brent Rundquist - Trombone, Dean Shea - tuba. Learn more about this group on their website at <https://anbq.wordpress.com>.

VOCALPOINT TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

VocalPoint tickets will be on sale after worship today for the upcoming concerts. Tickets are \$15 adults (advance), \$20 at the door, \$10 children / college with ID. Due to the difficult subject matter of this year's concert, this event is not recommended for children under 8 years old.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee will be looking to nominate people who can put their faith into leadership by filling two unexpired terms on our Session or governing board. Whether new to Central or long-time members, we are looking for people who are wise and willing. Self nominations encouraged! Send names and background to Carl Willis at carlwillis@gmail.com.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

On this VocalPoint concert weekend, we will be looking at issues of mental health and wholeness. And our gospel reading (Luke 5:1-11) has something important to say. On its surface it is a fishing story. But Jesus' instructions to cast your nets into the deep waters offer important wisdom to all of us.

Our Sunday School Singers sing in worship with Sharon Kleckner serving as the guest organist.

MEET VOCALPOINT GUEST ARTIST, SARA THOMSEN

Sara Thomsen's soulful voice, poetic lyrics and unforgettable melodies cut through to the heart and the soul of human experience," proclaims the Minnesota Women's Press. With a voice rich as the best mid-west soil, Sara's songs carry you inward and outward—in, to the particulars of your own life, and out—into the shared humanity of us all. Her performance style is easygoing and full of humor and depth, capturing the audience's engagement. Sara's music gently enfold and unfolds the listener.

Somewhere to Begin is Thomsen's most recent solo album. "The kind of music she's making is well-crafted, sung beautifully, and recorded immaculately," states the Duluth News Tribune review. "Fans of Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary might want to check this out." The album is "deep and well written" proclaims The Reader, with "excellent songwriting and storytelling." Thomsen's song "Precious Waters" received a Woody Guthrie Songwriting Award.

In addition to her solo work, Sara is a weaver of song and community singing. At concerts, conferences, classrooms, workshops, retreats, jails, places of prayer, and lines of protest, to be with Sara is to want to sing. Increasing wonder and awareness, deepening spiritual connection, and widening social engagement through song is at the heart of her work. Sara's ability to get people singing magically transforms gatherings into communities empowered with possibility.



Sara is the founder and artistic director of the Echoes of Peace Choir, a non-audition community choir in Duluth, Minnesota, with a repertoire of world music and a membership of 70+ voices. Thomsen founded and directs the Echoes of Peace non-profit to expand and develop the work of examining critical social issues using music and the arts to build and bridge informed, engaged, and caring communities.

Sara grew up surrounded by a family and community that loved to sing. From listening to her father sing lullabies, Sara's life has been infused with music. She is a staunch supporter of struggles for human dignity and ecological sustainability. Slowing down enough to see and hear the vibrant wonder of the commonplace is her work and play. All this can be felt in her music. Whether it is a song welcoming a newborn, protesting a policy, depicting night falling or describing a loved one, her music is alive and pulsing.

VOCALPOINT CONCERTS

FEBRUARY 9 & 10 - 4:00 PM

TICKETS ARE \$15 ADVANCE / \$20 ADULTS
\$10 CHILDREN / COLLEGE WITH ID.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY 2/3

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:30 p.m. Coffee and Fellowship
11:40 a.m. Nominating Committee
in the Upstairs Lounge
12:15 p.m. VocalPoint Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

TUESDAY 2/5

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet

WEDNESDAY 2/6

- 10:30 a.m. Peaceful Presence
11:45 a.m. Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet

THURSDAY 2/7

- 7:00 p.m. VocalPoint Dress Rehearsal

SATURDAY 2/9

- 4:00 p.m. VocalPoint Concert
7:00 p.m. VocalPoint Dinner

SUNDAY 2/10

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