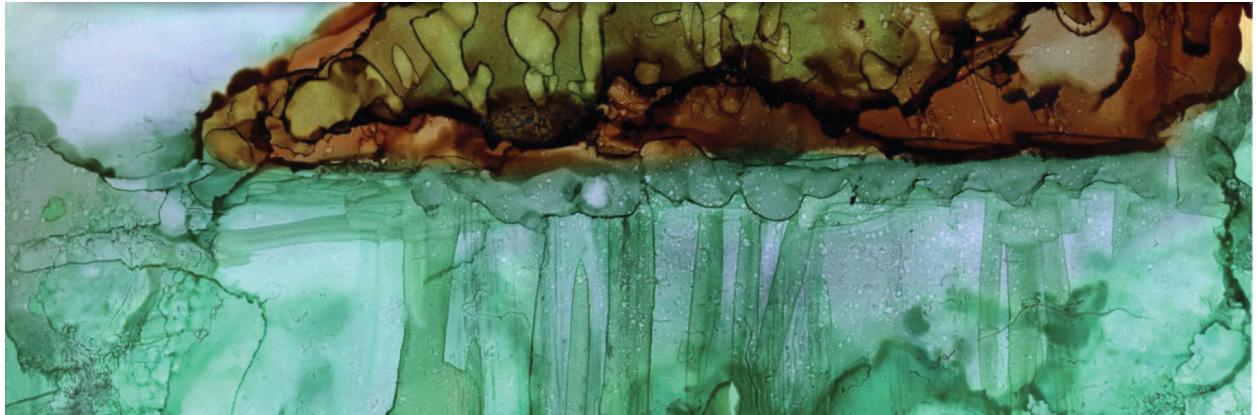


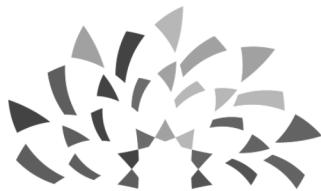


CENTRAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the Way of the Righteous
FEBRUARY 17, 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 **Grace Tester**.

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

Flowers today are in celebration of Bill and Florence Zopfi's 63rd wedding anniversary. 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

The Summons [arr. A. K. Organ]

WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

David Winkworth

- L: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
C: try me and know my thoughts!
L: See if there is any wicked way in me,
C: let us worship God.

❖ HYMN

Praise God for This Holy Ground [#405]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,
C: a gift of God by faith.
L: Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
through the grace of Jesus Christ
C: we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 1 [p. 452 in pew Bible]

GREEK SCRIPTURES

Luke 6:17-26 [p. 55 in pew Bible]

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

SERMON - "The Way of the Righteous"

Rev. David Colby

❖ HYMN

I Shall Not Be Moved

Refrain:

I shall not be, I shall not be moved.
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;
like a tree planted by the water,
I shall not be moved.

1. When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved,
when my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved;
like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. [*Refrain*]

2. The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved,
the church of God is marching, I shall not be moved;
like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. [*Refrain*]

3. Though the tempest rages, I shall not be moved
On the rock of ages, I shall not be moved
Just like the tree that's planted by the water
I shall not be moved. [*Refrain*]

4. Glory hallelujah, I shall not be moved
Anchored in Jehovah, I shall not be moved
Just like the tree that's planted by the waters
I shall not be moved. [*Refrain*]

OPPORTUNITY FOR INVOLVEMENT - Hunger Initiative Invitation

Mary Miller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Please place the Friendship Pad sheet in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

Be Still [by R. Sowash]

♦ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise God all crea-tures



here be-low; Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and



Ho-ly Ghost.

♦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

♦ HYMN

Great God of Every Blessing [#694]

♦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March Jubilant [By L. Line]

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

The beatitudes shift to one of Jesus' most difficult commands to follow - "Love your enemies." Understood in the context of first century Palestine, this passage (Luke 6:27-38) offers tools for a holy resistance. Central Choir sings.

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!

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 \$8 per person is suggested, although no one is turned away for lack of funds. Vegetarian and children's options are available.

TOWN HALL FORUM TODAY

12:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Do you want to get more involved, but need to know how? Have you noticed things at Central that make you scratch your head and wonder why they are done that way? Curious about finances? Committee structure? Future plans?

With many members of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church now participating in the life of Central, we think it might be a good idea for a free-flowing conversation that answers questions, considers new ideas, and imagines the future. Any and all are welcome to join Rev. Colby and leaders from the congregation today after the Third Sunday Lunch.

GET INVOLVED!

Do you want to meet people at church? Willing to say yes to a fairly easy volunteer opportunity? We would love to have people sign up as volunteers for the coffee hour following worship. To see volunteer opportunities and/or sign up, go to www.centralforgood.org/volunteer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT MARY HALL

The Coordinated Mission Committee has scheduled volunteer opportunities for Central to serve the Saturday lunch meal at Mary Hall several times this year. Our first volunteer date is March 9 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mary Hall is part of Catholic Charities and is located at 438 Dorothy Day Place, St. Paul, MN 55102. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and should wear appropriate closed -toe footwear.

Sign up to volunteer on our website at www.centralforgood.org/volunteer. We need 8-10 volunteers for each meal service date. If you have questions please contact Sharon Zopfi-Jordan at szj@comcast.net.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Want to learn more about getting involved or becoming a member of Central? Then, join us next Sunday, February 24, 11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Following worship that day, Rev. Colby and the New Members and Volunteers Committee will hold a conversation for people:

- who want to get more involved at Central.
- who want to meet other people who are part of the Central community.
- who want to learn more about the mission of Central as well as its past, present, and future.
- who want to reflect on their faith journey.
- who may be or are ready to join Central as a member.

We will begin with lunch, share and learn about others, take a tour, ask questions and explore the role of faith in our lives. Childcare is available. To ensure we properly plan for enough lunches and childcare, if needed, please RSVP to alexbollman@msn.com.

Hope you will join us!

4TH SUNDAY KNITTING GROUP

Don't forget! The knitting (and crocheting) group will meet next Sunday at 11:45 a.m. The group will gather in the Friendship Room before moving to the Oval Room by the main entrance to chat and work. Maggie Gordon has agreed to lead the group and help organize future projects with ideas being discussed at next week's meeting.

INVITATION FOR SINGERS: JOIN THE CENTRAL CHOIR FOR ARVO PÄRT'S BERLINER MESSE

Singers looking for a rich, rewarding choral challenge are invited to participate with us. Rehearsals start on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:15 p.m. There is a dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. and the piece will be sung in worship on Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. To ensure we have enough music, please reserve your place by February 17, by emailing Jennifer Anderson at jennifera@cpcstpaul.org.



VOCALPOINT RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's VocalPoint concerts. Performance based donations raised **\$22,584** to benefit the Walk-In Counseling Center! Missed the concert? Discover, enjoy and download photographs from the event on our website at www.centralforgood.org/photos.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY 2/17

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Third Sunday Lunch
12:30 p.m. Town Hall Forum with Rev. Colby
1:00 p.m. Children & Youth Outing to Gopher Women's Basketball Game
7:00 p.m. St. Paul Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 2/18

Office closed in observance of President's Day

TUESDAY 2/19

- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY 2/20

- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Lunch
12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
4:15 p.m. Coordinated Mission Committee
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY 2/24

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
11:45 a.m. Knitting Group in Oval Room
11:45 a.m. New Member Class in Upstairs Lounge
7:00 p.m. St. Paul Speaker Meeting

CENTRAL IS *in the city for good!*

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Currently hiring,
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Natalie Pence, Nursery Care Provider
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