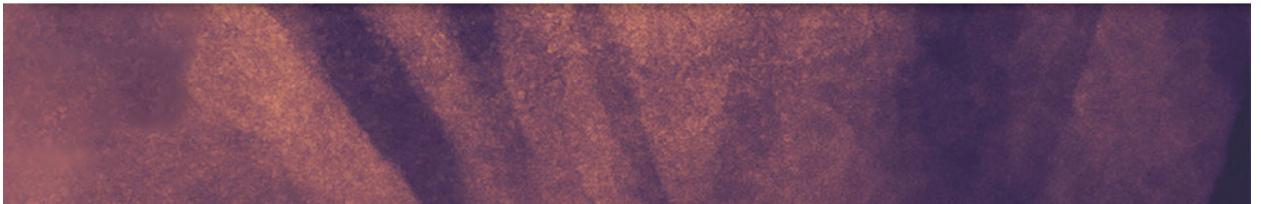




CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

temptations and identity
MARCH 10, 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 **Glen Neske**.

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 the 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA

You are in a space where photography may occur. To review our photography and media use policy, go to www.centralforgood.org/photography.

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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

God So Loved the World [arr. Miller]
The Glory of These Forty Days [arr. Wold]

WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Kate Pearce

- L: In the beginning
before time, before people,
before the world began,
C: **God was.**
L: Here and now
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven,
C: **God is.**
L: In the future,
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfillment,
C: **God will be.**
L: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
C: **God was, God is, God will be.**

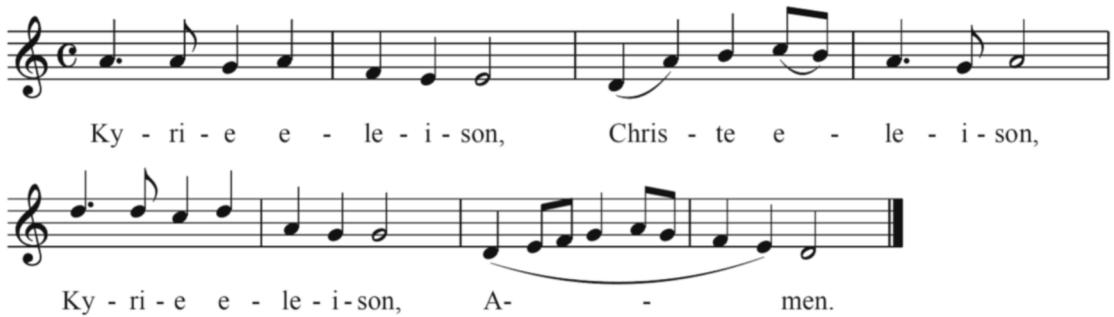
✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High [#618]

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.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, A - - - men.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: We are not alone;
C: we live in God's world.
L: God created
C: **and is still creating.**
L: And God has come in Jesus
C: **to reconcile and make new.**
L: Hear the good news,
C: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**
L: And let all God's people say,
C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Katie Morris

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

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16 [p. x in pew Bible]

GREEK SCRIPTURES

Luke 4:1-13 [p. x in pew Bible]

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

SERMON - "Temptations and Identity"

Rev. David Colby

✦ HYMN

When We Are Tested [#783]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ashley Bair

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

As the Wind Song [by Swee Hong Le]

✦ **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; Cre - a - tor, Spir - it and
 Ho - ly Ghost.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

✦ **HYMN**

The Glory of These 40 Days [#165]

✦ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in f minor [by Burney]
 Wendy Flinger, organist*

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!

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of Central Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, March 10 in the sanctuary immediately following worship. The annual meeting may consider such business as electing officers, hearing reports of the session along with plans for the coming year, hearing reports from the board of deacons and other organizations of the church, and transacting other business as appropriate. It will also review the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor upon report of the prior review by session.

During today's annual meeting, Kiera Faye will be nominated to serve as an elder. Kiera is a filmmaker living in the heart of Downtown St Paul. She grew up in rural Minnesota, and moved to St. Paul with her husband in 2016 after 8 years in Orange County, California. She loves the opportunities that Central offers to put faith into action, including volunteering with the Project Home shelter during the month of November. Kiera was a participant on the November mission trip to Puerto Rico,

in support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and served on the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Kiera is excited to take part in the next chapter in the life of Central Presbyterian Church and its mission in the Downtown community where she lives.

STICKS AND STEEL: PERCUSSION AND BELL GROUP FOR GRADES 3 - 8

For those who have registered, the first rehearsal is today from noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Choir room.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

In Lent, we encounter passages of threat and warning. The foreshadowing of the cross comes heavily through the gospel stories. In our passage for today (Luke 13:31-35), Jesus receives a warning that Herod wants to kill him. Yet Jesus does not cower; and his course is set toward Jerusalem. Central Choir sings.

Following worship, all are invited to stay for a Third Sunday Lunch. Grades 3-8 "Sticks and Steel" rehearsal from Noon - 12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILD & YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR, KATIE MORRIS

Katie graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School in December of 2018 with her Master of Divinity degree and is excited to become part of the Central community. Having grown up in Clemmons, North Carolina, she studied psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill and served as a YAV through the Young Adult Volunteer Program of the PC(USA) after graduating. As a YAV in Nashville, Katie worked at Room In The Inn with people experiencing homelessness and began her interest in Vanderbilt. She has worked with children and youth programs at churches in North Carolina and Nashville, as well as serving on the planning team for the Montreat Middle School Conference through Montreat Conference Center.

Katie is excited to explore the Twin Cities along with her partner, who moved here last year. She loves to sing, strum along on the guitar, and has recently started knitting.

CHILD & YOUTH POOL PARTY EVENT

Children and their parents are invited to a pool party on Sunday, March 17 (after 3rd Sunday lunch and Sticks & Steel rehearsal). Hosted by Amaya and Max Colby-Clay and their Grammie, Linda Clay, this event will be held at the Kellogg Square Apartments. Plan to bring a swimsuit and towel to church and we will walk through the skyways after lunch for swimming, fun and good conversations!

HOMELESS DAY ON THE HILL

Affordable housing is an issue affecting everyone in our community. Get involved by engaging your lawmakers and letting them know housing and homelessness are important issues to you.

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Registration
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Advocacy Training
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – @ the Capitol advocating!

Where:

Registration & Training
Central Presbyterian Church
500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN

Advocating
Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Martin Luther King Drive, St. Paul, MN

For more information, visit our website at www.centralforgood.org/news.

MARY HALL VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve at yesterday's lunch meal at Mary Hall. If you would like to participate in one of our future events at Mary Hall, simply go to www.centralforgood.org/volunteer to signup! Future Mary Hall dates include Saturdays, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9, 2019.

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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY 3/10 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
- 12:00 p.m. Sticks & Steel Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

TUESDAY 3/12

- 10:30 a.m. Book Group
- 10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Luncheon
(at Denny's in Maplewood)
- 12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
- 5:00 p.m. Martha's Closet Evening Hours
- 6:00 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY 3/13

- 8:00 a.m. Homeless Day on the Hill
- 11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
- 2:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Facilities Management & Risk
Assessment Committee Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 3/14

- 11:30 a.m. Dorcas Circle

SUNDAY 3/17

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Third Sunday Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Sticks & Steel Rehearsal
- 12:45 p.m. Children & Youth Pool Party
(at Kellogg Square)
- 7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

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