



# CENTRAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIERCE JOY AND  
FEROCIOUS LOVE  
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Michele Patton.**

## 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), please contact Anna Sanchez to coordinate details 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, KCP lot and the World Trade Center Parking Ramp across Cedar Street. If parking in the ramp, be sure to get a voucher from the usher to avoid ramp fees. (You simply insert voucher into the machine after your parking ticket as the means of payment.) 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. Sound amplification devices are also available from ushers.



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.

## PHOTOGRAPHY & SOCIAL MEDIA

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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 rise in body or in spirit

## PRELUDE

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service [ setting Wayne Wold ]*

## WELCOME

Rev. David Colby

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

L: To you, God of creation,

C: **we sing a new song of praise.**

L: A song of trees planted by streams of living water,

C: **a song of mountains clapping their hands for joy**

L: a song of cities delighting in heavenly harmony,

C: **a song of people that were lost and have been found.**

L: For the earth is the Lord's and we shall be glad in it.

C: **Alleluia! Let us worship God.**

## ✠ HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth [ #14 ]*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: I confess to God Almighty, and in the presence of all God's people, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me.

C: **May God Almighty have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, and give you time to amend your life.**

L: Amen.

C: **We confess to God Almighty, and in the presence of all God's people, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and we pray God Almighty to have mercy on us.**

L: May God Almighty have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, and give you time to amend your life.

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Madeline Hart-Andersen

*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 2:4-13 [ p. 658 in pew Bible ]

### GREEK SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 [ p. 201 in pew Bible ]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

### COMMUNION MEDITATION - *Fierce Joy and Ferocious Love*

Madeline Hart-Andersen

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Ashley Bair

### ✠ HYMN

*I Come with Joy* [ #515 ]

### 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 and dip the bread into the chalice. We use gluten free bread and 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.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*Please place any completed pew cards or Friendship Pad sheets in the offering plate.*

## OFFERTORY

*Abundant Joy [ by David Combs ]*

## ✦ DOXOLOGY

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



Trea-sure, God, you have en - trust-ed, from your rich and end-less store. Ours to use for  
home and kind - red, and to spread the gos-pel Word. O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing  
as we heed Christ's age-less call, Heal-ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, hon-'ring you by lov-ing all.

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ✦ HYMN

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above [ #645 ]*

## ✦ BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Homenaje à Roberto Garcia Morillo [ by Alberto Ginastera ]*

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Join us next week for Festival Sunday! Rev. Colby will preach on a passage and an image of God from the prophet Jeremiah (18:1-11). Of God as a potter, shaping and reshaping creation to try to create good and beauty out of a lump of clay. Central Choir returns and leads the congregation in singing our newly commissioned hymn *Forever Embracing* by our composer-in-residence Abbie Betinis. We will continue to sing this hymn each week in September. The new hand bell choir will debut in worship as well, ringing *Spiegel im Spiegel* by Arvo Pärt with violinist Cara Wilson. After worship, join us in the dining room for the volunteer service fair, games, and treats!

## A WORD OF WELCOME

*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, we 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, we hope that you will introduce yourself during and after the service. Welcome to Central!*

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### WELCOME MADELINE HART-ANDERSEN

Joining us this morning is Madeline Hart-Andersen. Madeline is a Candidate under care of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. She graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May with her M.Div. and is spending the summer doing Clinical Pastoral Education (Chaplain-Intern) at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. For the summer, she is living with her parents and grandmother, and her dog, Phin. She loves the outdoors, knitting, and sewing, and is very glad to be back in Minnesota. Madeline is grateful for the opportunity to be in worship with you this morning!

### SEEKING NOMINATIONS

Central's Nominating Committee has begun its work to reflect on the needs of the church and the gifts of church members for leadership. They want to hear ideas for people you believe would make great **ruling elders** and **deacons**. Self-nominations are encouraged!

For more information, see the September newsletter. Please pray for our work of discernment and send your suggestions to Carl Willis via email at [carlwillis@gmail.com](mailto:carlwillis@gmail.com).

### FESTIVAL SUNDAY

We want YOU to join our energetic team of staff and volunteers to make Festival Sunday on September 8 a success! Can you lend a hand (or two) for about an hour, either before or after worship? We have the following opportunities available:

**Set-Up Crew:** get games and activities put in place, move chairs and tables outside.  
9:15 – 10:30 a.m. outside (by MPR lot) and Dining Room.

**Extra Ushers:** join the usual team of Sunday ushers to greet all guests, welcome new folks, and show people around before, during, and after worship. 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Sanctuary, Lower-Level entrance.

**Ice Cream Sunday Scoopers and Servers:** scoop up ice cream and refill toppings.  
11:20 – 12:30, Dining Room & Kitchen.

**Games & Activities Supervisors:** supervise chalk-art or bubble-blowing, assist with Giant Jenga or Corn-hole, and participate in the fun! 11:20 a.m. – 1 p.m., MPR lot and lawn.

To sign up, visit [www.centralforgood.org/](http://www.centralforgood.org/) volunteer, or call Anna in the church office.

ALL ARE INVITED

# FESTIVAL

## SUNDAY

### SEPTEMBER 8

#### **THE EXCHANGE - 9:15 A.M.**

New this year, come early to gather, sing, pray, and connect in the Fireside Room each Sunday.

#### **EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES - 9:30 A.M.**

Sunday School returns and Adult Bible Study enters a new series called Bible 101 on how to read the Bible.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.**

Rev. Colby preaches and new Bibles are handed out to Central's Kindergarten and 3rd grade children.

#### **FESTIVAL CELEBRATION - 11:30 A.M.**

Connect with others in our service fair, enjoy games and activities, ice cream sundaes & fun for all!

[www.centralforgood.org/festival](http://www.centralforgood.org/festival)

# THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

## SUNDAY 9/1

No Education Classes

No Childcare Until Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

12:00 p.m. VocalPoint Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

## MONDAY 9/2 - LABOR DAY

Office closed.

## TUESDAY 9/3

10:45 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet

12:00 p.m. Men's Luncheon  
(at Denny's in Maplewood)

1:00 p.m. Worship, Music & Arts Committee

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY 9/4

10:30 p.m. Peaceful Presence

11:45 a.m. Wednesday Community Lunch

12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet

7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY 9/6

4:00 p.m. Lonergan / Combs  
Wedding Rehearsal

## SATURDAY 9/7

4:30 p.m. Lonergan / Combs Wedding

## SUNDAY 9/8

9:15 a.m. "The Exchange" gathering time

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Bible 101

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Festival including Service Fair,  
Games, Treats and Fellowship

7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

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