



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

lost and found
December 30, 2018





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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 Johnson.

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

Carol Medley

WELCOME

Maureen Smith

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Mel Leach

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

C: **Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Lord is God.

C: **It is God who made us, and we are God's people.**

L: For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

C: **God's faithfulness is for all generations.**

L: Let us worship the Lord our God.

✠ HYMN

Angels, From the Realms of Glory [#143]

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: 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 to reconcile and make new.

Hear the good news,

C: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

L: 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

✦ HYMN

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child [#146]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GREEK SCRIPTURES

Luke 2:41-52 [**p. 49 in pew Bible**]

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON - "Lost and Found"

Maureen Smith

✦ HYMN

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime [#142]

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

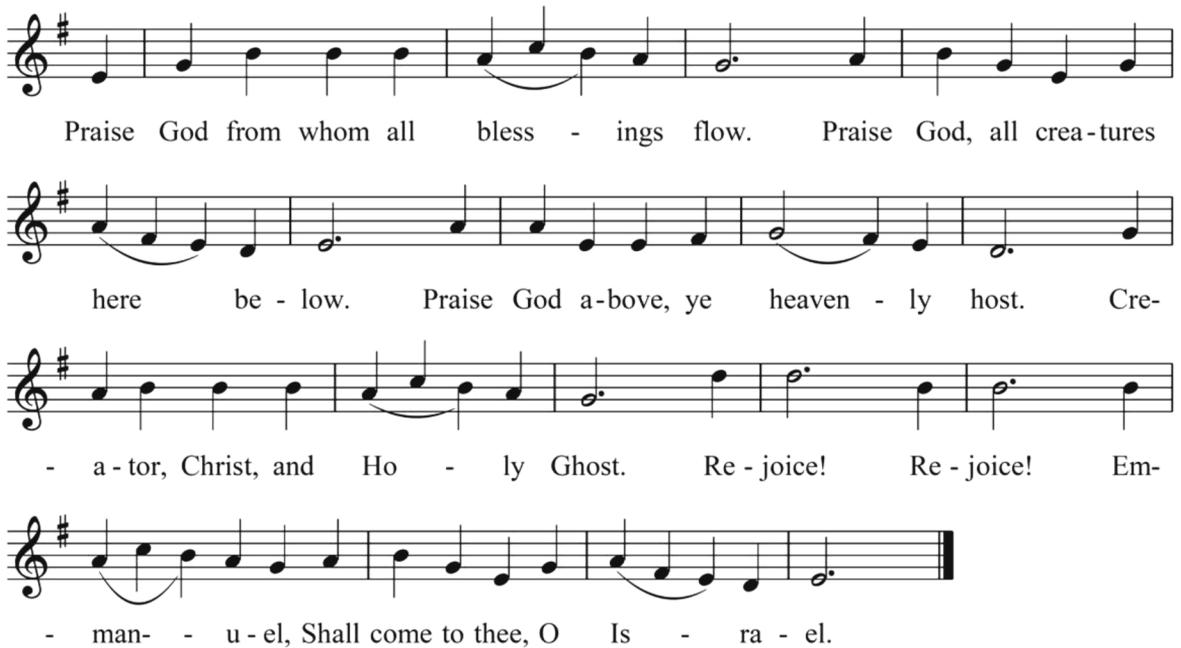
Please place the Friendship Pad sheet in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY

Give My Heart [by Linda Kachelmeier]

✦ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
here be - low. Praise God a-bove, ye heaven - ly host. Cre-
- a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-
- man- - u - el, Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain [#136]

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pat-a-Pan [arr. J. Yeager]

UPCOMING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 10:30 A.M.

On Epiphany, we reflect on the story of a star guiding wise ones to Jesus. The last two years we have given out 'star words' - words that serve to inspire, challenge, and make us think during the coming year, and we will again do that this Sunday. We will ordain and install elders and deacons, and celebrate communion. Central Choir sings.

A WORD FROM REV. COLBY

Here 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. At Central, our worship is connected to our daily lives. Our mission, including using our facilities as a temporary shelter for homeless children and their parents last month, 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!*

UNDECORATING CENTRAL

Help is needed to take down the greenery and pack away the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 5 from 10:00 am - noon. Childcare will be provided. To volunteer, go to www.centralforgood.org/volunteer or contact Charrie at willis.carl@comcast.net. Come and join in the fun!

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@cpcstpaul.org.

YEAR END GIVING

The mission and ministry of this church is not possible without the generous support of members and friends. Together, we are in the city for good, offering inspiring worship services, beautiful music, programming for children and people of all ages, healthy community meals, and critical mission projects such as serving as a shelter each November for families experiencing homelessness. As 2018 draws to a close, we can use your financial support!

- You can make a year-end gift of money that will go to support our operating budget.
- You can make a pledge of financial support for 2019 (pledge cards available from the ushers)
- In addition to your financial support, there are a variety of one-time and ongoing volunteer needs that support the work of this church. Go to our website at centralforgood.org/volunteer to see how you can help us be in the city for good!

CENTRAL IS *in the city for good!*

This last fall we explored the theme of Central 360 and thinking multi-directionally about the church and our impact on the city and world: Looking to our past and ahead to our future. Connecting what we are about with what we can see to the north, south, east and west. We fully believe that we are in the city for good – that together we can create beauty, peace, and justice. That through our cooperative efforts, we can change lives for the better by our efforts to address problems of hunger and homelessness. Central’s mission and ministry rely upon the generosity of members and friends. With great optimism and anticipation, we are looking to finish 2018 in a strong position and with momentum toward the coming year. Because we believe that stewardship (intentional generosity) is a spiritual discipline, we really encourage the practice of pledging for the coming year. So we ask you to be thoughtful, prayerful and then intentional about what and how you can give in 2019. We are also committed to helping people find ways to give that our convenient and smart. Please consider what you can contribute. Together we can accomplish more than any of us alone.



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**SUPPORTING
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

My Stewardship Pledge for 2019 is
\$ _____ per week / month / year.
(circle one)

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Please give me a box of weekly offering envelopes.
- I want to pay monthly by direct debit transfer. (Download form on website at www.centralforgood.org/ACH-Form.pdf)
- Please call me about donating stock or other investments.
- I want to make donation by credit card through PayPal. (To do so, go to www.centralforgood.org/donate)

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

SUNDAY 12/30

- 9:30 a.m. Education for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

MONDAY 12/31

Normal office hours observed

TUESDAY 1/1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Offices are closed.

WEDNESDAY 1/2

- 12:00 p.m. Martha's Closet
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY 1/5

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Un-Decorating

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 for JoAnne Wahlstrom
12:00 p.m. VocalPoint Registration and Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. St. Paul AA Speaker Meeting

ARTIST RECEPTION

Join us next Sunday (January 6) after worship for an artist reception for JoAnne Wahlstrom during the Coffee and Fellowship hour. JoAnne's artistic works are currently on display in the Friendship Room.

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