

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – September 17

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – September 20

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY – September 21

7:00pm Central Choir Practice (Rehearsal Hall)

Rise Against Hunger is coming. Have you signed up? See the insert for more information.

Sunday School is back. Starting October 1 at 9:00am a series of four classes on planning and living a good end will take place every other week in the Fitch Parlor. These classes will help you develop and communicate your plans to your loved ones, professional services and the church. No need to sign-up.

Get ready for a special worship service on September 24. We will be gathering in the Columbia Street parking lot for a Blessing of the Animals Service. You are encouraged to bring your pets or you could bring a picture of a current or past pet for recognition and blessing. We will provide chairs for people and water stations for pets.

Join us for a time of food and fellowship on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Lafayette Pizza Hut. We invite you to come, have a slice on us, and hear all that is happening in the life of Central. Meet some new faces, hear of the exciting opportunities that Session and the CPC Ministry Teams have been busy at work planning, or meet Pastor Wil in person. We invite you to come, enjoy the food, and fellowship with one another. Please RSVP to Ryan Shelley at ryanmshelley@gmail.com by September 21, or call the church and have your name added to the list.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffery Stearns
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Celebration Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill

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Central Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Generosity GPS

September 17, 2023



Welcome

Prelude “10,000 Reasons” (Redman/Myrin)

***Call to Worship** Pat Egan

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: bless God’s holy name.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is God’s steadfast love for us.

***Hymn** “Our God Is an Awesome God” 616

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Congregational Response**

“Glory to God in the Highest” (back cover Hymnal)

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 103:1–13

Anthem “Jubilate!” (Michael Bedford)

Second Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Message “The Currency of Compassion” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” 439

*** Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed (page 35)

***Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” 581

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to leave your offering at any time.

Offertory “You Have Been Good” (Twila Paris)

***Doxology** 606

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

***Hymn** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” 620

***Benediction**

Postlude “Fanfare on LAUDA ANIMA”

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers ✂

We pray for Shirley West, Ryan Shelley, Bill Walthour, Peg Wier, Hal Lefever, Don Nead, Keith Beach and Roy Meeks, father of Cy Meeks, for health reasons. We also pray for our Special Care friends Melba Tiemann and Edith Webber.

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Generosity GPS is a way of navigating our way through the stewardship of God’s gifts entrusted to us. We continue to find ourselves exploring the encompassing journey of stewardship with many stops along the way. It is not what we do once year, nor is it only a financial exercise.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice. Central will use 25% of this offering with local peace mission partners. 25% will join with other Presbytery/Synod churches for regional ministries. 50% goes to Presbyterian Mission Agency for work around the world. Central is collecting this special offering through October 8. Please mail your contributions to the church or drop them in the offering basket with “Special Offering” in the memo line.