

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – August 18

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

WEDNESDAY – August 21

10 am – WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

THURSDAY – August 22

10:00am Library Team

Please use the **Ritual of Friendship** pads to let us know you're with us today.

In our effort to be inclusive of those who are unable to be with us in person, we live stream our worship services online. For those who are camera-shy, seating is available in the back two rows of the main floor or anywhere in the balcony.

If you would like to **contact the Deacons**, please call the office at 765-742-8481 or email 2024deacons@centralpreschurch.org to request a prayer or visit.

We continue to collect items requested by our Backyard Mission partners through the end of August. The baskets at the back of the sanctuary include more information about what is needed and ways to get involved.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Director of Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2024



Welcome

Prelude "Because We Believe" (Harvill/Gordon)

***Call to Worship** Kathy Meeks

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely

Leader: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship him.

***Hymn** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" 187

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison): God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care...our doubt of your providence...our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Promising forgiveness and the sustenance we need to amend our lives God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. Give thanks that we have been known and forgiven set free to the resurrected life of faith.

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 1 Kings 3:3-14

Anthem “What the Lord Has Done In Me” R. Morgan

Second Reading John 6:30-40

Message “Choose Wisely” Rev. Louis Sandos

***Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Glory” 307

Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed

Response “Gloria Patri” back cover Hymnal

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 make your offering at any time.

Offertory “Multiplied” B & B. Rinehard

***Doxology** 606

Prayer of Dedication (unison): Lord, you look down from Heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people that they would increase faith, nurture home, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.

***Hymn** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” 727

*Benediction

Postlude “Did you Feel the Mountains Tremble?” M. Smith



Rev. Louis Sandos is a retired pastor who continues to serve the Presbytery of Wabash Valley in many ways. He has served several churches around Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, has been a missionary in Mexico, and was the director of Geneva Center for several years. In addition to providing pulpit supply, and serving on Presbytery committees, Pastor Sandos and his wife, Jan, are active in their home church of Rossville Presbyterian.

Music Notes: Thank you to Leighton for joining Central today on bass. We’re always happy to have your presence.



In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for Bill Walthour and Don Nead for healing.

We pray for our friends and family who participated in OUTfest – whether as revelers or volunteers – we are all children of God.

We pray for our Special Care Friends Ralph Smith and Cyril Sturm.