

# Central Happenings

## SUNDAY – September 1

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

## MONDAY – September 2

Labor Day – office is closed

## WEDNESDAY – September 4

10:00am WOW (Fitch Parlor)

Noon Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:50pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY – September 5

10:00am Library Team

**The Central Youth Group** will have its first meeting on **September 8** from 3-5 pm. Contact Allen Bol for more information.

**Heart of the City: Discovering Greater Lafayette** is a four-part series being offered by the Christian Education Committee. Dates are **September 10, 17, 24, and October 1 in Fitch Parlor**. Doors open at 6 pm for snacks and mingling, program starts at 6:30 pm. The first week is “History & Hidden Gems” with speaker Sean Lutes.

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](mailto:2024deacons@centralpreschurch.org) to request a prayer or visit.

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 1, 2024



### Welcome

### Prelude

“Aria”

J.S. Bach

### \*Call to Worship

Cris King

Leader: Who may abide in the presence of God? Who may live on God’s Holy mountain?

**People: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right. All those who speak from the heart.**

### \*Hymn

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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### Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison): **God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation. 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** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**Anthem** "Ancient Words" (L. DeShazo)

**Second Reading** Mark 7:1-8

**Message** "Beyond the Surface" Rev. Wil Reinowski

**\*Hymn** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" 39

### Lord's Supper

#### The Invitation

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues, ending with "sing to the glory of your name..."*

**Response** "Holy, Holy, Holy" back cover Hymnal

*The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord's Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.*

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Words of Institution

#### Sharing of the Lord's Supper

## Prayer After Communion

**\*Hymn** "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" 500

### 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** "Days of Elijah" (R. Mark)

**\*Doxology** 606

**Prayer of Dedication (unison): O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word, and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Fairest Lord Jesus" 630

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Promenade" G. Young



**Music Notes:** Warm welcome to guest organist, Doug Fletcher.



## In Our Prayers

We pray for Ken McCullen, former pastor at Central for health reasons. We pray for Helen Hensley and her recovery. Please sign the congregational letter for her in the Narthex.

We pray for our Nominating Committee as they do their due diligence in leading the church.

We pray for our Special Care Friends Terry West and Mary Lou Allen.