

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – September 15

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

TUESDAY – September 17

6:00 p.m. Heart of the City (Fitch Parlor)

WEDNESDAY – September 18

10:00 a.m. WOW (Fitch Parlor)

Noon Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Coming from Christian Education in September: Please join us on Tuesdays September 17, 24 and October 1 in Fitch Parlor. We will be hosting a four-part series called Heart of the City: Discovering Lafayette.

This week, join the Downtown Business Owners to hear about “Arts & Entertainment.” The doors open at 6 pm for snacks and mingling, the presentation begins at 6:30 pm.

Please complete the Ritual of Friendship pads located in the pews each time you worship with us.

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.

Music Notes: Central is grateful to have guest organist **Doug Fletcher** for joining us today.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Director of Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill
Admin/Christian Educator: Jennifer Shook

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024



Welcome

Prelude “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” B. Ingram

***Call to Worship** Kathy Meeks

Leader: Look at the heavens! They are shouting the glory of God.

People: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God’s creative works.

Leader: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

People: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you. Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

***Hymn** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” 761

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace.

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 Numbers 21:4b-9

Anthem “Jesus Messiah” Carson/Cash/Reeves/Tomlin

Second Reading Mark 8:27-38

Message “From Confession to Action” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** “Lord of All Good” 711

***Affirmation of Faith** “Apostles Creed” (page 35 Hymnal)

***Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri” (back cover Hymnal)

Call to Prayer

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 “Arise” Baloche/Moen

***Doxology** 606

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of wisdom, may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** “Together We Serve” 767

*Benediction

Postlude “Marche” G. Young

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers

We pray for Stephan B. (Harriet Smith’s stepson) for health reasons.

We pray for the family of former pastor Ken McCullen as he enters the Church Triumphant.

We pray for our Special Care Friends Peggy Anderson and Bunny Boardman.

Blessing of the Animals



Central Presbyterian
Sept. 22, 2024 10 am

Join us for the congregational picnic on September 22 – please bring salads, sides, and desserts to share with others!



Congregational Picnic
September 22, 2024
After the
Blessing of the Pets Service
Join us for
Revolution BBQ and more!

