

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – September 29

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

TUESDAY – October 1

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

WEDNESDAY – October 2

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

Noon Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

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

There are so many ways we can serve our neighbors in downtown

Lafayette. The United Way will tell us how as part of our Christian Education Series, Heart of the City: Discovering Lafayette. Meet in the Fitch Parlor at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1 for a time of snacks and fellowship; the class begins at 6:30 p.m. Invite your neighbor!

Explore God's Word as told through the Book of Jeremiah in our Sunday morning Bible Study series next Sunday, October 6 in Fitch Parlor at 9:00 a.m. Lou Camillotto teaches. Bring a friend!

It's time to end world hunger – Rise Against Hunger is coming to Central on October 13 at 1:00. We need you, your friends and family to pack 20,000 meals in two hours!



Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Director of Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Custodian: Bob Hill
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2024



Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude in F Major”

J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Roy Johnson

Leader: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen pretty to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

People: Blessed be the Lord, our protector! God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.

Leader: Our help is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Blessed be God's holy name!

*Hymn

“O Christ, the Healer”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: My brothers and my sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Rejoice! We have been brought back by the redemption of God and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. We can 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 Lesson Esther 7:1-6

Anthem "Draw the Welcome Circle Wider" M.L. Bringle

Second Lesson Mark 9:38-50

Message "The Power of a Cup of Water" Rev. Wil Reinowski

*Hymn "Abide with Me" 836

*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 "Give Us Clean Hands" C. Hall

*Doxology 606

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Blessed be the Lord, for God is good, and God's love endures forever. Our Creator, help us to mirror your goodness through this offering, in the world. Amen.

*Hymn "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" 43

*Benediction

Postlude "Lift High the Cross" S. Nicholson

* Please stand as you are able.



In Our Prayers

We pray for the Nominating Team as they continue to seek those God is calling to lead the church in the next years ahead.

We pray for our Special Care Friends Norma Doyle and George & Loretta Evans.

The Congregational Letter in the Gathering Space of the Sanctuary is for the family of Mary Lou Allen as she enters the Church Triumphant.

Music Notes: As always, Central is grateful to our guest organist, Doug Fletcher.



Please complete the Ritual of Friendship pads located in the pews each time you worship with us. You may also do it by visiting www.centralpreschurch.org/friendship.

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.

Our Deacons are here to support you. For prayers or visits, please call the church office at 765-742-8481.