

Central Happenings

SUNDAY – September 8

9:00 a.m. Christian Education on Isaiah (Fitch Parlor)

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

WEDNESDAY – September 11

Noon Circle 20/20 Lunch (Small Fellowship)

Noon Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

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

Coming from Christian Education in September: Please join us on Tuesdays September 10, 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 Sean Lutes to hear about “History & Hidden Gems.”
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. 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.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Director of Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 8, 2024



Welcome

Prelude "Marching to Zion" R. Lowry/arr. Fletcher

***Call to Worship** Deb Hester

Leader: Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

People: Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Hymn** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 451

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.

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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Anthem

“The Cry of the Poor”

J. Foley, S.J.

Second Reading

James 2:1-10

Message

“Faith without Favoritism” Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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***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

“I Will Follow”

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

***Doxology**

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Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

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***Benediction**

Postlude

“Festive Postlude”

P. Fey

** Please stand as you are able.*



In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for the Personnel Committee.

We pray for our Special Care Friends Pam Young and Rita Zachariah.

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

Blessing of the Animals



Central Presbyterian
Sept. 22, 2024 10 am

Please bring salads, sides, and desserts to share!



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

