

In Our Prayers ✨

We pray for Harry Javens as he recovers from surgery. We pray for our Special Care Friends, Edith Short and Ralph Smith.



A **congregational letter** is on the table in the Gathering Space (in the back of the Sanctuary) for Harry “Bones” Javens.

Please use the Ritual of Friendship pads to let us know you’re with us today. Whether you are in person or on-line, you can also sign in at 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.

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Liturgy adapted from the Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Our Greeter this morning is Judy Spencer.

Onyx Uzomah works at Purdue as an Honors advisor. She sings occasionally at First Christian Church and regularly sings with AC3 at Purdue. We are pleased to welcome her this morning.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak
Director of Contemporary Music: Paul Foster
Organist: Doug Fletcher
Custodian: Bob Hill

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* **Please stand as you are able.**



Central Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord

How does a weary world rejoice?

January 12, 2025



Welcome

Prelude

“Blessed Assurance”

(arr. Lamb)

***Call to Worship**

Pat Egan

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

People: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.” And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

People: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***Hymn**

“Standing on the Promises”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, you name us and claim us and call us your own, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Beloved, God forgives our sins; know that we are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Congregational Response** "Glory to God" (back cover Hymnal)

***Passing of the Peace**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 29

Anthem "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (arr. M. Warren)

Onyx Uzomah

Second Reading Luke 3:21-22

Message "God's Whisper in the Water" Rev. Wil Reinowski

***Hymn** "From the Waters of Creation" (Insert)

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (page 35 Hymnal)

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Congregational 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 leave your offering at any time.

Offertory "Down to the River to Pray" (Traditional)

***Doxology** 606

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** "The River is Here" (Andy Park)

***Benediction**

Postlude "Menuetto" (Mozart)



Central Happenings

From the Waters of Creation

HELMSLEY (“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”)

Text: Anna Strickland (2023)

Music: Thomas Olivers (1763)



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In the womb as life's be - gin - ning Am - ni -
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wa - ters ebb and flow Voice of hea - ven the



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need ful - fil - ling Long be - fore we
clouds is rend - ing Nam - ing God's be -



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meet the world
- lov - ed own



al - le - lu - ia! Bless the earth by rain bap - tized
Bap-tized by our ve - ry birth
Here bap - tized in love un - known

SUNDAY – January 12

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

MONDAY – January 13

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (Fitch Parlor)

WEDNESDAY – January 15

10:00 a.m. Women of the Word - WOW (Fitch Parlor)

12:00 p.m. Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

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

THURSDAY – January 16

10:00 a.m. Library Team (Fitch Parlor)

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will take place on Sunday, January 26, immediately following worship in the sanctuary. Members, please plan to attend as we review the past year and look toward the future.

Looking for a way to stay active, connect with others, and have fun? Indoor Pickleball is coming to Central! Mark your calendar for Wednesdays, January 22, 29, and February 5, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Large Fellowship Hall (enter through the alley door). Bring your paddle if you have one—balls and nets will be provided. Please RSVP to Deb Hester (hesterdeb@comcast.net or 765-532-4320) or Joe Riley (rileyjoe@rocketmail.com or 765-427-0851).

Do you have a passion for fostering growth and learning in faith? The Christian Education team is looking for members to help plan opportunities for spiritual development. If you're interested in contributing, please contact the church office for more information.