## This Week at Central

**SUNDAY - February 23** 

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

**MONDAY – February 24** 

6:30 p.m. Scout Meeting (Scout Room)

6:30 p.m. Session (Discipleship Room)

WEDNESDAY - February 26

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. Pickleball (Large Fellowship Hall)

**THURSDAY – February 26** 

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

## **Central Happenings**

**Lent is nearing and with it comes Ash Wednesday**, the first day of this season of preparation. Ash Wednesday invites us to acknowledge our morality and turn our hearts towards repentance, marking the beginning of a 40-day journey to Easter. The ashes, placed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross serve as a visible reminder of our human frailty and God's abundant grace. Join us for Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Fitch Parlor as we enter this holy season together.

**Did you know we have an online church directory** that's regularly updated and easily accessible? All the up-to-date contact information for our church family is right at your fingertips! If you haven't signed up yet, now is the perfect time. Visit www.centralpreschurch.org/login/ to get connected today!

**Prepare your heart for the season** with our Lenten devotional from *A Sanctified Art.* Printed black-and-white copies will be available—contact the church office to order by today. Plus, stay tuned for a special full-color e-reader version coming soon.

Our greeters this morning are Chip and Carolyn Goldsberry.

Pastor: Wil Reinowski

Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak

Director of Contemporary Music: Paul Foster

Organist: Doug Fletcher Custodian: Bob Hill A Matthew 25 Congregation 31 North Seventh Street Lafayette, IN 47901 Hours: Weekdays 9a.m.-12p.m. 765-742-8481 news@centralpreschurch.org www.centralpreschurch.org



## **Central Presbyterian Church**

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
The Art of Hearing
February 23, 2025

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Welcome

Prelude "O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God" (Trad. Irish melody)

\*Call to Worship Cris King

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

People: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

\*Hymn "We Are One in the Spirit" 300

**Call to Confession** 

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)** 

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Leader: Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure— spilling out and running over. Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

\*Passing of the Peace

**Prayer for Illumination** 

First Reading Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Anthem "Your Grace is Enough" (Matt Maher)

Second Reading Luke 6:27-38

Message "Hearing One Another" Rev. Wil Reinowski

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 475

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

\*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 "The Potter's Hand" (Darlene Zschech)

\*Doxology 606

\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. Amen.

\*Hymn "Cry of My Heart" (Terry Butler)

\*Benediction

Postlude "Festive Intrada" (Paul Fey)

In Our Prayers 🞘

We pray for Don Nead, Terry West, and Nancy Fitszimons for health concerns. We pray for our Special Care friend Joyce Herendeen.

**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.