

CENTRAL CALLING

CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November-December, 2024

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www.cscpc.org
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Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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From the Pastor's Pen



Hello Central Family & Friends!

John Wesley said, "Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will."

This Thanksgiving take the time to pray. Pray with a grateful heart. Pray to offer praise to God for your life, family, friends, and church. Pray for God to lead you in the path that brings glory to his name. Pray for our church community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for the staff and leaders who work to make ministry meaningful at Central. Pray for all the people who serve and provide the financial resources for ministry to take place. Pray for our church as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of this community and the world.

Psalm 136:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." Thanksgiving Day is only a few weeks away and I hope you will be filled with gratitude in your hearts and minds, despite your challenging circumstances. Philippians 4:6~7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I know you have a lot on your minds and hearts... cast all

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your concerns, worries, and anxieties at the feet of the cross of Jesus Christ and ask God to bless you with strength, guidance, and hope. I pray you and your family will have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Soon after Thanksgiving, we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Christmas is always an interesting time because people have different emotions about this season based on their perspectives and surrounding life circumstances. For some people it's the most exciting time of the year, but for others it can be a time filled with melancholy attitudes and feelings of despair. Just the mere mention of the word "Christmas" brings up all sorts of thoughts and emotions. Christmas is about Jesus Christ and it's about the gift God offered to humanity through the giving of his son. Jesus shed his blood at Calvary and paid the full price for our sins so that we might experience eternal life with him by placing our faith and trust in his work on the cross. Will you, this Christmas, place your faith and trust in Christ? There is truly no better gift you can receive.

During this Advent Season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy of God. I pray that all four of these blessings will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled, and made whole. Have a blessed and joyous Christmas and I hope to see you during the Advent Season.

I also want to thank all the volunteers of Central for your faithful service during this past year. Thank you so much for all you do. Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!!

In Grace & Peace,
Rev. Dr. Mark Lee



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Minah Lee	Interim Music Director
Sarah Stroup	Interim Accompanist
Chris Knapp	Interim Bell Choir Director
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Lauren Perkin	Financial Administrator
Donna Young	Financial Secretary
Erin Osborne	Children's Activity Director
Anthony Tucker	Custodian
Chet Knapp	Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am

November HEAD ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: George Hege

Ushers: Teresa Canipe, Martha Osborne

November 5th Homebound Communion Servers:

Donna Cook, Pam Brooks, Ann Mozingo,
Jeanne McGrath, Judy Brown, Martha Osborne

December ELDER & USHERS

Head Usher: Pam Brooks

Ushers: Johnny Burgess, Mike Brown

DEADLINES

*The January-February 2025 issue deadline is
December 15th, 2024.*



*Donations for
the month of November
Boxed Pasta or Potatoes
the month of December*

Canned Soups, Vegetables and Meats

Please place items in the donation box



UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM:

Income to the budget as of 9/30/24: \$282,981

Expenses from the budget as of 9/30/24: \$305,488

Please let the church office know of any changes in your contact information, such as phone number, cell phone number, address, or email address. Thank you!

**Don't Forget to set your
clock back one hour.**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends on
Sunday, November 3rd at 2am.**

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Friday Prayer Breakfast Group: A Friend from Kopper Kettle

In memory of Sylvia Arthurs: Sandra Burke, Joy Cheek, Pat & Sandy Hart, Bob & Susan Hunter, Dorothy Williams, Bill & Donna Young

In memory of Lynn Snuggs: Jimmy Burgess, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Annette Caudle, Joy Cheek, Barry & Barbara Choate, Crawford Hammond, Pat & Sandy Hart, George & Marilyn Hege, Susan Osmar, Allan Tuggle, Wade & Cindy Shepard, Dorothy Williams

In memory of Lynn Snuggs/Troop45: Herman & Teresa Canipe, Bob & Susan Hunter, Wade & Cindy Shepard, A Friend of Lynn, Bill & Donna Young, Ken & Diane Price

In memory of Mable Osborne: Sandra Burke, Herman & Teresa Canipe, Andy & Beverly Cheek, Joy Cheek, Pat & Sandy Hart, Bob & Susan Hunter, John McGloughlin, Ken & Diane Price, Dorothy Williams, Jack & Mary Phillips, Greta Lambert, George & Marilyn Hege

In memory of Kenneth Graham: David Graham

In memory of Wilma Price: Herman & Teresa Canipe, Joy Cheek, Circle of Friends, Pat & Sandy Hart, Beverly Keller, Ruby Potts, Rick Freeman & Carolyn Thomas

The following church policies are available in the church office or a PDF version can be requested via email.

- Funeral Policy
- Facility Use Policy
- Gift Acceptance Policy
- Child, Youth & Vulnerable Adult Policy
- Security Policy
- Anti Racism Policy
- Sexual Misconduct Policy & Procedures



Birthdays-November

- 1 - Whitney Smith
- 1 - Cathy Lee
- 2 - Mark Lee
- 2 - Rachel (Cheek) Bauer
- 3 - Donna Stuart
- 4 - Greta Lambert
- 4 - Joyce Quinn
- 5 - Bernard Simmons
- 6 - Kevin Kronk
- 8 - Wade Shepard
- 9 - Dorothy Williams
- 11 - John McGloughlin
- 12 - Herman Canipe
- 17 - Bob Hunter

Birthdays-December

- 10 - Deborah Russell
- 12 - Eric Smith
- 13 - Andrew Burns
- 19 - Jeanne McGrath
- 21 - Kathy Bricker
- 22 - Carolyn Rogers
- 28 - George Bostick
- 31 - Charlotte Burgess





Our Christmas elves have been busy gathering wreaths, bows, flowers, garland, ornaments and a tree!

Guess what for...decorating our newly renovated sanctuary as well as the rest of the church.

*Mark your calendar now to help the Worship Team (and the Elves) decorate for Christmas on **Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m.***

We will have the tree up and the Chrismon's ready to put on the tree.

We will have wreaths ready to be hung and other lovely decorations for the sanctuary.

And we will have a few sweet treats to share in fellowship with all who help to beautify the church.



Have you ever wondered what a "Chrismon" is?

Chrismon's are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them.

They help Christians to remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

They are traditionally colored white and gold and are handmade.

The symbols include several different types of crosses, IHS which are the first 3 letters of 'Jesus' in Greek, the Fish, Alpha and Omega, the Chi-Rho, several different stars, the Crown, the Shepherd's Crook, and many others.

Can you find these on our tree?

There will be a complete list of the many symbols on the bulletin board in the hallway for your reference.

We hope to see you on November 30!

—Chris Knapp, The Worship Team



Thanksgiving and Advent Season

Community Thanksgiving Service-Tuesday, November 26, 6:30pm
Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

Hanging of the Greens-Saturday, November 30
Fellowship, 10:00am

First Sunday of Advent-Sunday, December 1
Expectation of Hope, 10:30am

Second Sunday of Advent-Sunday, December 8
Preparation of Peace, 10:30am

Third Sunday of Advent-Sunday, December 15
Proclamation of Joy, 10:30am

- ◆ Christmas Luncheon Fellowship, 11:30am in Family Life Center
 - ◆ Appearance by Santa Claus

Fourth Sunday of Advent-Sunday, December 22
Sharing of Love, 10:30am

- ◆ Lessons & Carols led by the Music Ministry Team

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-Tuesday, December 24, 5:30pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Central Steele Creek
will be celebrating the
Saints of Central
on
Sunday, November 3rd.



Central will be
celebrating our Veterans
on
Sunday, November 10th.



Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 45! Our troop has been serving youth in southwest Mecklenburg County for over 50 years.

We like to camp, climb, shoot, mountain bike, backpack, snowboard, wakeboard, and just about anything else you can do outdoors.

We are sponsored by Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, located at 9401 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Our troop meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.

If you are a young man that is interested in joining us, you need to be 11-18 years old.

Please contact Charlie Bricker,
704-654-0919



CENTRAL FINE *arts* ACADEMY

We will conclude our Fall Session for the Central Fine Arts Academy (CFAA) with student performances on December 6th. Please join us at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

The Showcase is a special time when we celebrated what the students have learned. The decorations in the sanctuary always add to the festive atmosphere.

This Fall session, our students ranged from kindergarten age through adults. Piano lessons continue to be most popular. The variety of classes included voice, guitar, drums, violin and sculpture.

Consider taking lessons – they are for all ages. The next academy session will start in mid-January.

The Winter/Spring session will be from January 11th – May 10th.

Registration starts in early November and can be accessed on the Central Fine Arts Academy website: <https://centralfinearts.org/>.

We will be starting a new Saturday class to introduce young children (ages 4 – 6) to music.

This will be led by an instructor with experience working with this age group. Please look for more information in January.

Thank you for the many volunteers who are there each Tuesday and Saturday to observe and support the students. This includes:

- Cathy Lee
- Michele Devine
- Ann Mozingo
- Rick Murphy
- Sandy and Pat Hart
- Judy and Mike Brown
- Chris Knapp

The CFAA provides a positive and creative environment for children in the Steele Creek community. It also is an important way that we can connect with young families and provide the nurture and support that a faith community provides.

These are opportunities for you to help:

- Help monitor the classes so that CFAA can meet the youth protection requirements. Typically, this is 2-3 hours, once or twice a month, but you can specify the time that you can offer.
- Share information about the CFAA programs with family, friends or on social media.
- Be a member of the church oversight board.

Please contact Jeanne Smith to volunteer or for more information.

jesmith8412@gmail.com



**CENTRAL CHILDREN'S
COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**CENTRAL STEELE CREEK PRESBYTERIAN
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**HELD THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY
EACH MONTH
10:30 – 11:30 AM**

FREE FOR CHILDREN IN K-5

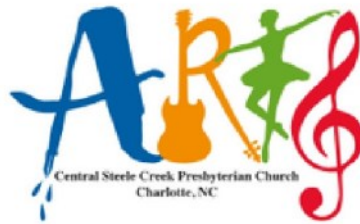
Performances by the children's choir held
December 2024 / May 2025

[Registration form](#)

[Central Fine Arts Academy Website:](#)

centralfinearts.org

CENTRAL FINE *arts* ACADEMY



Winter/Spring 2025 Session

PIANO • GUITAR • VIOLIN • DRUMS • VOICE •
SCULPTURE • UKULELE

INQUIRE ABOUT ADDITIONAL
CLASSES AT ARTS@CSCPC.ORG

Lessons for All Ages

January 11th - May 10th, 2025

Tuesdays at 4:30 pm-7:30 pm ~ Saturdays 1:30pm-4:30pm

EXPERIENCED TEACHERS

Private music lessons: \$30 for 30 minutes and \$50 for 60 minutes

Sculpture classes: \$35 per 90 minute class

Payment plans and scholarships available



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For more information and
registration on-line at
CentralFineArts.org

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