

ORDER OF WORSHIP
January 19, 2025

8:30AM



Discovering the *Beauty*
of the *Kingdom* of God

JOHN 1-11



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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Accessibility

Welcome Registry

Prayer

Whether you're just beginning to explore the Christian faith or a longtime believer, we're glad you're here and pray you will experience the love and grace of Jesus today. Central is for anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus Christ and grow together in real community.

Especially if this is your first time as our guest, welcome. We are thrilled you are here, and would love to connect with you. You are encouraged to fill out a connection card at one of our welcome tables in either lobby or in the Fellowship Hall, or simply scan the QR code.

Worship: 8:30am & 11:15am

Sunday school: 10:00am-11:00am

Children are always welcome to participate in worship with their families.

During both services, nursery care is available for families with children ages 8 weeks through 3 years. The nursery entrance is on the first floor.

A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off of the Fellowship Hall.

For kids ages 3 through kindergarten, we offer "children's worship" during the sermon. After worshipping with their family during the first part of the service, kids ages 3 through kindergarten will be invited to join our leaders at the front of the sanctuary. After the sermon, the kids return to the sanctuary to meet their parents.

Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Amplification devices are also available from the ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Located in each pew is a "Welcome Registry." We encourage you to please use this to let us know you worshiped at Central today. After putting your name down, please pass the book down your pew.

At Central, we believe in the power of prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer requests using the cards located in the pew, or online at centralpres.com/prayer. You can also email your prayer requests to prayer@centralpres.com. If you would like to pray with someone today, please visit the prayer room after either service.

Impromptu Op. 142 No. 2, D. 935 in A-flat Major

Franz Schubert

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 33:8-9, 18-19

Praise the LORD!

Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

For he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

that he may deliver their soul from death.

Prelude

**God Calls Us To
Worship**

God gathers us before
his heavenly throne for
a special time to renew
our relationship with
him together.

We Praise God

We respond to God's
call by honoring his
majesty and goodness
in song.

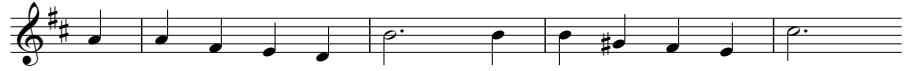
Crown Him with Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove.



Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
who rose vic - tor - ious to the strife for those he came to save.
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wond - rous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall.



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851; alt. Godfrey Thring, 1871
Tune: DIADEMATA; George J. Elvey, 1868

We Pray For God To Help Us Worship

We ask the Lord to work
in us by his Holy Spirit
to give us the desire and
ability to respond to him
in worship.

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

Together as the people
of God, we acknowledge
honestly to God what
is wrong and broken
in us and ask for
his forgiveness and
transforming grace.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed,

He died for us that we might live for him.

Seated

from John 11:25; James 4:8, 10

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live. Therefore, draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Sovereign Lord and Giver of Life,
you have come to rescue us from eternal death
by giving us eternal life in Jesus by your Spirit.
**But apart from you we are spiritually dead,
and we are prone to seek life and immortality in other ways,
in family and heritage,
in success and status,
in praise and popularity,
in possessions and power,
in work and achievement,
in self-discipline and character,
in moral behavior and service done in your name.
Apart from you, we abuse all these good things
by seeking life from them that they cannot give.
And so we sin against you
and hurt ourselves and one another
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we do and by what we fail to do.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, help us turn away from all false hopes and seductive idols and turn to you to find the life we need and desperately desire. Give us life in Christ by your Spirit so that we will abide in you and with you and know the fullness of eternal life and joy that you give us in your Son. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

God Declares Our Forgiveness

God responds joyfully to our confession by declaring his forgiveness and the security of his grace and delight in us as his beloved daughters and sons.

We Praise God

Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea,
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with - in,
3. Be - hold him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness,
a great high priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
the great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of glo - ry and of grace.
My name is grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count ed free,
One with him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his blood.
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence de -
for God the just is sa - tis - fied to look on him and par - don
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on him and par - don me.
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft
Tune: Vikki Cook, 1997
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Seated

Officer Installation

The church completes its process of calling and publicly authorizing the service of elders and deacons in their different leadership roles.

Ordination to the Office of Deacon

Robert Ayres, Richard Dent, Paul Kunnath

Installation to the Office of Deacon

Mike Hampton

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir
Directed by Allen Stith
Jill Clayton, soprano

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

Text: John 3:16; Music: Bob Chilcott

*Children ages 3 - kindergarten are invited to Children's Worship
and will return during the offering.*

John 3:1-15

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The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

“Life in the Kingdom” – Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

God Instructs Us In Scripture Reading

God speaks to us through the Bible to instruct, encourage, correct, comfort, and equip us to know, love, and follow him.

We respond to God by affirming our trust in his word.

God Instructs Us In Preaching

God speaks to us to explain what his word means and how to respond to him with loving obedience in our daily lives.

We Offer Ourselves in Gifts and Song

We respond to God's word by offering ourselves to God with renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support God's mission in the world.

We Come, O Christ, to You

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true son of God and man, by
2. You are the way to God, your blood our ran - som paid. In
3. You are the liv - ing truth! All wis - dom dwells in you, the
4. You on - ly are true life, to know you is to live the
5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King, to

whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan. In you a - lone
you we face our judge and mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the throne
source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal true! O great I AM,
more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give. O ris - en Lord!
you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring. So fill our hearts,

we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.
ab - solved we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.
in you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.
We live in you, in us each day your life re - new!
that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

Text: Edith M. Clarkson, 1946, rev. 1984
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH; John Darwall, 1770

Standing (if able)

(prayers for the church and the world)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

We Pray For The Church And The World

We respond to God's word by asking him to transform our lives, our communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus with the Lord's Prayer as a summary prayer for the mission of God's kingdom.

Joyful, Joyful/For the Gift of God the Spirit

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love.
 2. For your gift of God the Spir - it, power to make our lives a - new,
 3. He, him - self the liv - ing au - thor wakes to life the sa - cred word,
 4. Fa - ther, grant your ho - ly Spi - rit in our hearts may rule to - day,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 pledge of life and hope of glo - ry, Sav - ior, we would wor - ship you.
 reads with us its ho - ly pa - ges and re - veals our ris - en Lord.
 grieved not, quenched not, but un - hin - dered, work in us his sov - 'reign way.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Crown - ing gift of re - sur - rection sent from your a - scend - ed throne,
 In his strength we dare to bat - tle all the rag - ing hosts of sin,
 Fill us with your ho - ly full - ness, God the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 full - ness of the ver - y God - head, come to make your life our own.
 and by him a - lone we con - quer foes with - out and foes with - in.
 in us, through us then for - ev - er, shall your per - fect will be done.

Text: (vs. 1) H. Van Dyke, 1907; (vs. 2-4) E.M. Clarkson, 1959

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824, alt.

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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J.S.Bach

Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Charles Godwin

Musicians: Young Kim, *piano*.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Charette Kaminski (1/26/33-9/17/86) by her daughter and granddaughters, Laura, Libby, and Grace.

**God Blesses Us
And Sends Us Out**
God sends us out into
the world with his
blessing to live with him
and serve the mission of
his kingdom.

Connect, Grow, Serve

At Central, we seek the transformation of our lives, communities, and the world through the renewing work of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. This vision becomes more and more a reality when we **connect**, **grow**, and **serve**. Below are a few opportunities coming up for you to belong to God's mission and his work at and through Central.

Interested in Joining Central?

It's a new year, and whether you are here today for the first time or you've been visiting for a while, now is a great time to consider joining Central. We have our next "Discovery and Membership" class beginning at the end of the month. Interested? Contact us at info@centralpres.com to learn more or to register.

Study the Bible in 2025

When we read and study the Bible, it transforms us. By God's grace, we experience growth and encouragement through it. Have you thought about joining a Bible study here at Central? The new year might be a perfect time to try it out. We have a wide range of studies throughout the week, and there is something for all ages. Send us an email at info@centralpres.com for more information or to get connected!

We're Hiring: Facilities Support

Our campus is beautiful, and keeping it up is no small task. We are looking to add a full-time person to our Facilities Team. If you enjoy keeping things in good order, are attentive to detail, and are in good physical health, we'd love to talk with you about the possibility of joining our staff team. Primary duties include event set up, cleaning, light maintenance/repair work, and seasonal outdoor work. This would be primarily a weekday position with occasional duty on Sunday mornings. Interested? Contact us at facilities@centralpres.com.

If you would like more information about these or other upcoming opportunities, please scan the QR code to the right, email us at communications@centralpres.com, or call the church office at 314-727-2777.

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

