Order of Worship
October 11, 2026

8:30AM



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

Get connected at Central

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.

Sundays at Central

Worship: 8:30am & 11:15am
Sunday School: 10:00am

Worshiping as a Family

Children are encouraged 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 near the Biltmore entrance. A nursing mother's room is located on the first floor off the Fellowship Hall and a play area for young children is located on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. The service is streaming on monitors in both locations so children, parents, and caregivers may continue worshiping if young children need to take a break from the service. For kids ages 3 through kindergarten, we offer Children's Worship during the sermon. Coloring sheets and crayons are located at both sanctuary entrances, and children's Bibles and books are available to borrow during the service at the Hanley entrance.

Accessibility

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

Welcome Registry

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.

Prayer

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.

Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150

Prelude

Romance in F# Major R. Schumann

God Calls Us To Worship

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

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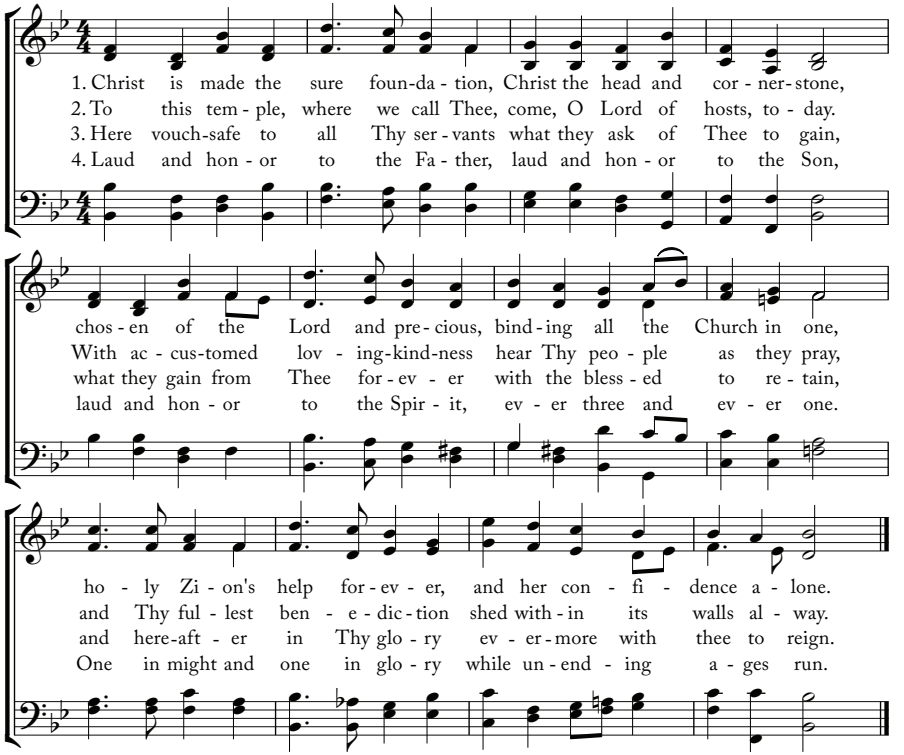
from Psalm 98:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

We Praise God

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



Text: Latin hymn, 6th C.; tr. J. M Neale, 1861
Tune: REGENT SQUARE; Henry T. Smart, 1866

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.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.

Seated

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

from Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts. Return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on us, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

We 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.

Most great and most gracious God,
we confess that we have all sinned
and fallen short of your glory
in wandering from your way,
in forgetting your love,
in mistrusting your righteousness.
We have willingly broken your good and holy law
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
You are justified when you convict us of evil,
and our only hope is your steadfast love and grace.
Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, by the power of your Spirit, please turn our wandering hearts back to you. Help us to receive the gift of your righteousness in Christ to walk in freedom from condemnation and to delight in your glory, all because your mercy has triumphed over judgment. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from Romans 5:1-2

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

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!
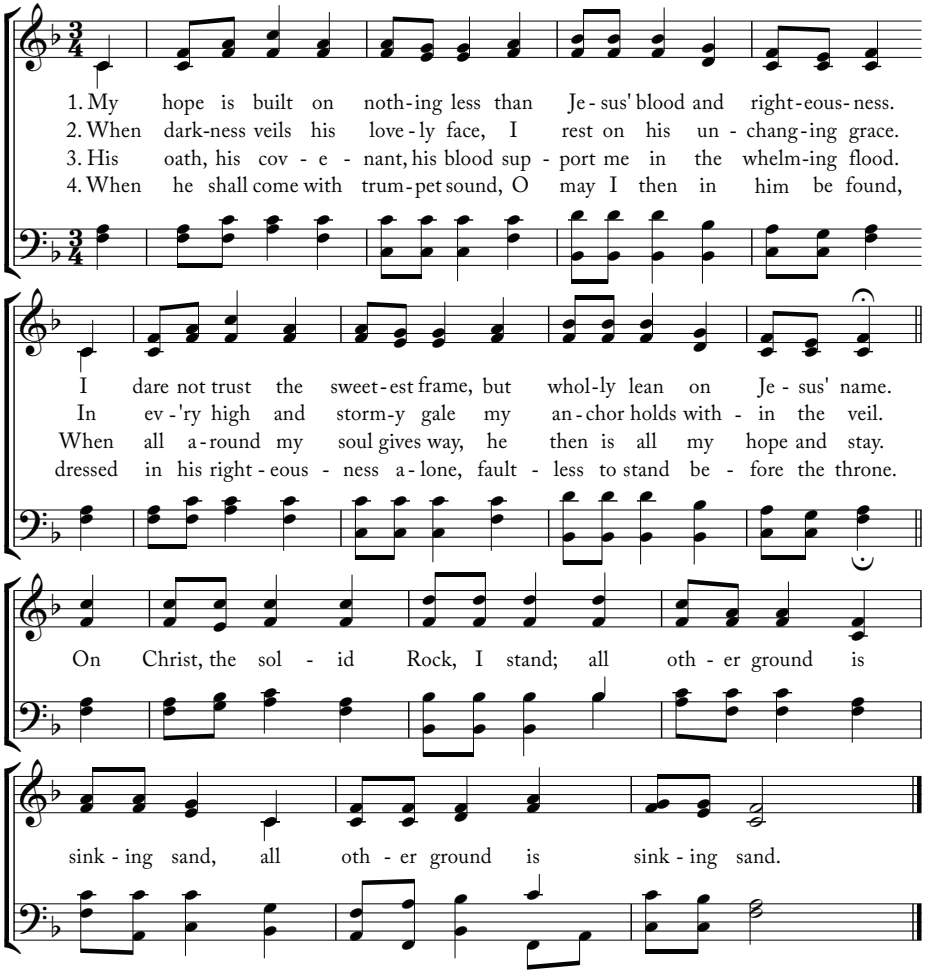
God Declares Our Forgiveness

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.

The Solid Rock



Text: Edward Mote, 1834
Tune: SOLID ROCK; William B. Bradbury, 1863

Seated

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Chancel Choir

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne, my Surety stands.
My name is written on his hands.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled, his pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, my soul, arise!
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise, my soul, arise!

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Dan Forrest

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

Romans 3:21-31 pew Bible page 941

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.

The grass withers and the flower fades, Isaiah 40:8
but the word of our God will stand forever.

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

"Being Right with God" – Rev. Charles Godwin

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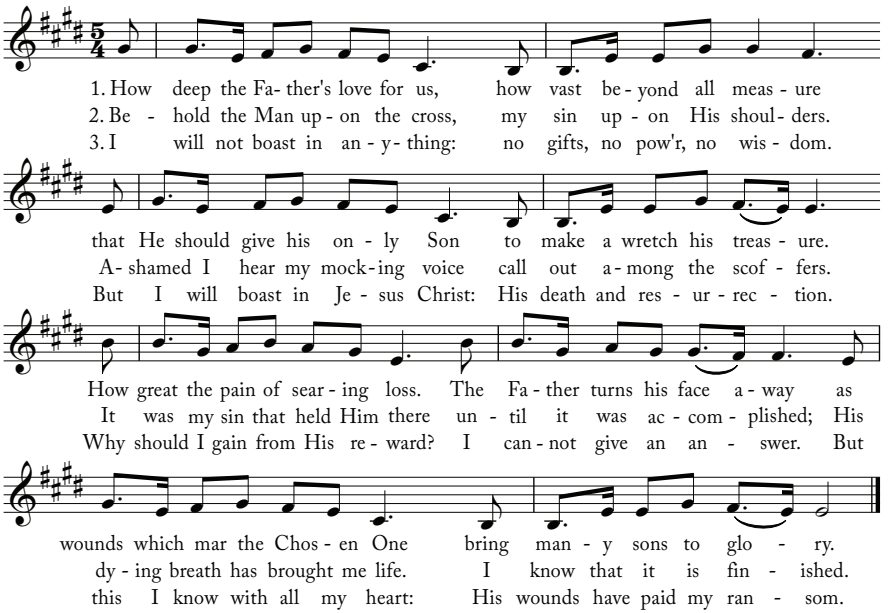
God speaks to us to explain what his word means and how to respond to him with loving obedience in our daily lives.

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.

Give electronically at centralpres.com/giving, or by texting CENTRALPRES to 77977

How Deep the Father's Love



Text & tune: Stuart Townend
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We Hear Testimony of God's Mission

Jamal
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Standing (if able)

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.

(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.

Seated

Central welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Prayer for those searching
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief
Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Is your child interested in receiving communion for the first time? Please email *family@centralpres.com* for more information.

Please hold the elements until all have been served, and we will eat and drink together as directed by the pastor. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise!
Therefore, with the whole company of heaven and the whole church on earth, we give you thanks for your great glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
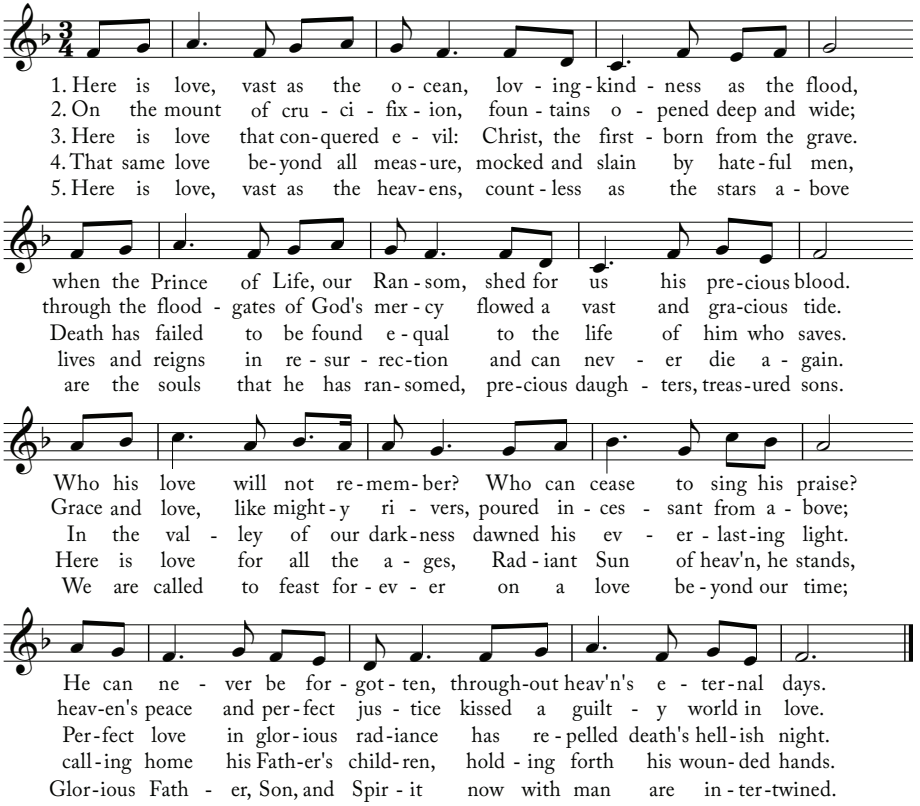
(prayer of thanks & words of institution)

Now let us celebrate the feast of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

God Feeds Us at His Table

We celebrate Jesus' triumph over sin, Satan, and death through his death and resurrection by eating and drinking symbols of Jesus' body and blood. The Holy Spirit works through this act to nourish us by the life of Jesus, to unite us with God and with one another in friendship, and to give us a foretaste and promise of Jesus' return to make all things new.

Here Is Love



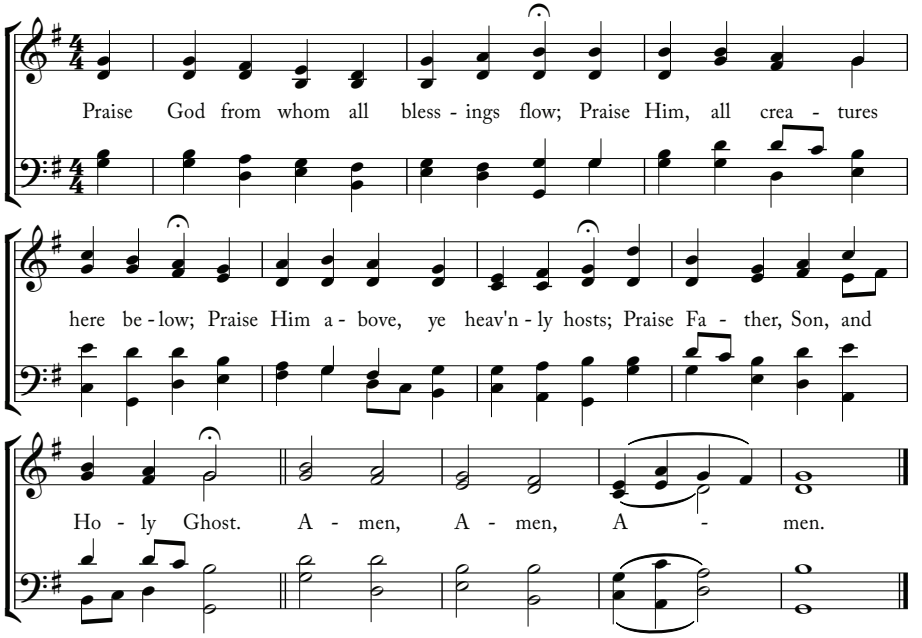
Text: (vs. 1, 2) W. Rees; tr. W. Edwards, 1900
(vs. 3, 5) M. Giles; (vs. 4) V. Rives
Tune: CYMRAEG; R. Lowry, 1876

And all God's people said...
Hallelujah! Amen.

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.

Doxology – Old 100th



Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso F. Mendelssohn

Liturgist: Rev. Cole Lescher

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni, *piano and organ;* Young Kim, *piano*

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judy Gaile Burgess by Jennah, Will, and Parrish Purk.

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.

Concert Series Event

CONNECT

Join us here at Central next Sunday afternoon, October 18 for our first Concert Series event of the year. This concert is a chance to gather and meditate on the beauty and mystery of God and His work in our lives portrayed through songs, presented by soloists from Central's music ministry. From the mastery of Bach to soulful jazz, this program will explore themes of redemption and grace. Featuring Hannah Baartman, Jill Clayton, Susan Crecelius, Thomas Edler, and Brent Stater. Contact us at *info@centralpres.com* for more information.

Community Night Wednesday

GROW

Our Wednesday night ministry, Community Night, is a great way to grow closer to God this fall. It all begins with dinner at 5 p.m. followed by classes and fellowship for all ages at 6 pm. If you haven't been part of our Wednesday night ministry before, this is a great time to start. Make a dinner reservation online at *www.centralpres.com*. We hope to see you this Wednesday!

Central Christian School Admissions Opportunity

SERVE

Our school, Central Christian School, is a wonderful ministry. We have a Donor Scholarship Fund in place to make it as accessible as possible for the children of Central Presbyterian members, so that they may have the privilege of solid academic preparation through the lens of a Chrisitan worldview. One of the best ways to learn about our school is to experience it for yourself! Later this month, we have our next Admissions Coffee on Friday October 30, where we will share about our Gospel-driven academics, school culture, and vibrant community. This event will take place from 8:30-10:30 am. You'll also have an opportunity to tour the campus and observe our learning environments. For more information or to register, call 314.727.4535.

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.