

ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 15, 2026

8:30AM



FOLLOWING THE KING

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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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.

Songs of worship are used with permission. CCLI #100150

Standing (if able)

from Psalm 106:1; 103:3-4

Praise the LORD!

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Bless the Lord,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Hallelujah! Amen!

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored from the fall,
3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

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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.

**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**

**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.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

Seated

from John 11:25; Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Lord, you invite us to come to you for the healing of body and soul.

But we often hide or run from our sins and wounds,

and we ignore or resist the healing grace of Christ

rather than run to him for what we deeply need.

We are prone to doubt both Jesus’ compassion

and our need for his forgiveness and cleansing power.

And so we have sinned against you

and followed the evil desires of our hearts,

wandering from your way,

wasting your gifts,

and forgetting your love.

Christ, have mercy.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, please lead us out of our hesitation and our self-reliance. Cleanse us, renew us, and lead us by your life-giving Holy Spirit, so that we eagerly seek your grace to us in Christ and respond to your call by walking in grateful obedience with you for your great glory and our great joy. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from 2 Timothy 1:9-10

God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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!

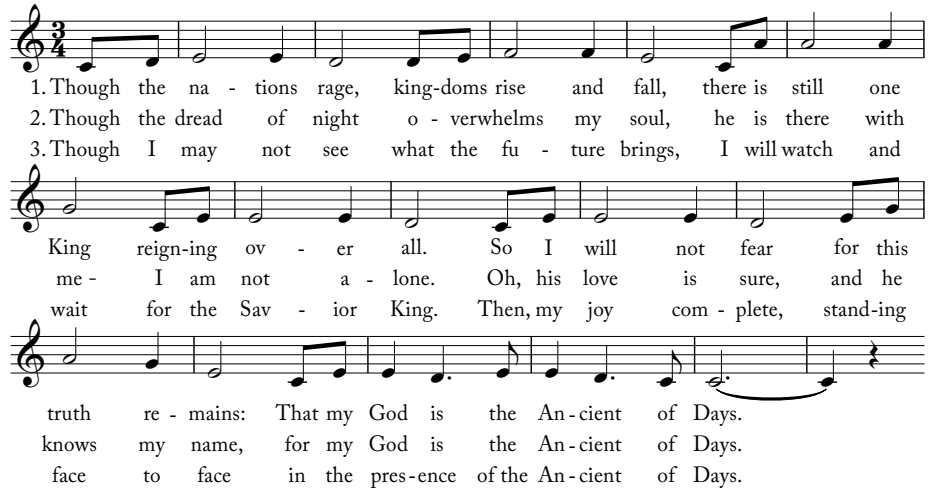
God Declares Our Forgiveness

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

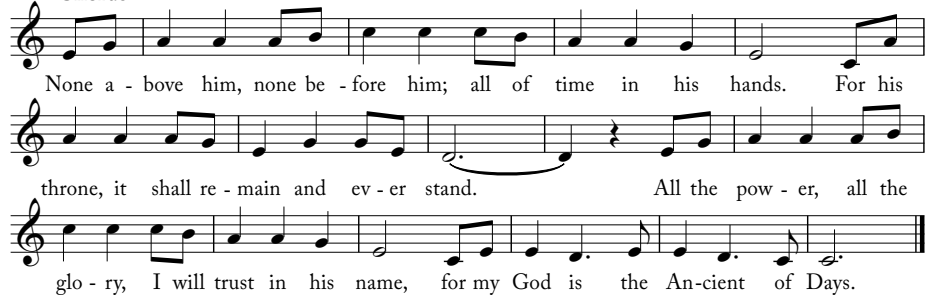
Having been assured of God's favor, we offer thanks and praise for salvation from sin and reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ.

Ancient of Days



1. Though the na - tions rage, king-doms rise and fall, there is still one
2. Though the dread of night o - verwhelms my soul, he is there with
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will watch and
King reign-ing ov - er all. So I will not fear for this
me - I am not a - lone. Oh, his love is sure, and he
wait for the Sav - ior King. Then, my joy com - plete, stand-ing
truth re - mains: That my God is the An - cient of Days.
knows my name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.
face to face in the pres - ence of the An - cient of Days.

Chorus



None a - bove him, none be - fore him; all of time in his hands. For his
throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the
glo - ry, I will trust in his name, for my God is the An - cient of Days.

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Seated

Church of God, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.*
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Blake Autumn Brown
Daughter of Luke & Michele Brown
Sister of Joris & Lawrence Brown

Lawrence Jeremiah Brown
Son of Luke & Michele Brown
Brother of Joris & Blake Brown

We Remember Our Baptism by Professing Our Faith (Apostles' Creed)

* "hell" here means the place or state of the dead, not a place or state of punishment. The creed affirms that Jesus experienced the full reality of human death as his soul was severed from his dead body until his resurrection restored the full unity of his person.
** "catholic" here means universal,

New Baptized Members

Like a River

Men's Chorus

I've got peace like a river in my soul.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember that in Christ you shall rise!
I've got joy from my Savior in my soul.

Traditional Spiritual; arr. Tim Osiek

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

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.

Luke 5:17-26

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

Isaiah 40:8

"Authority to Restore" – Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 3. Be Thou my bat - tle - shield, sword for my fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light,
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
 Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow'r:
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wa - king or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 raise Thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: vers. Eleanor H. Hull; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1927
 Tune: SLANE; Traditional Irish melody

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 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.

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,

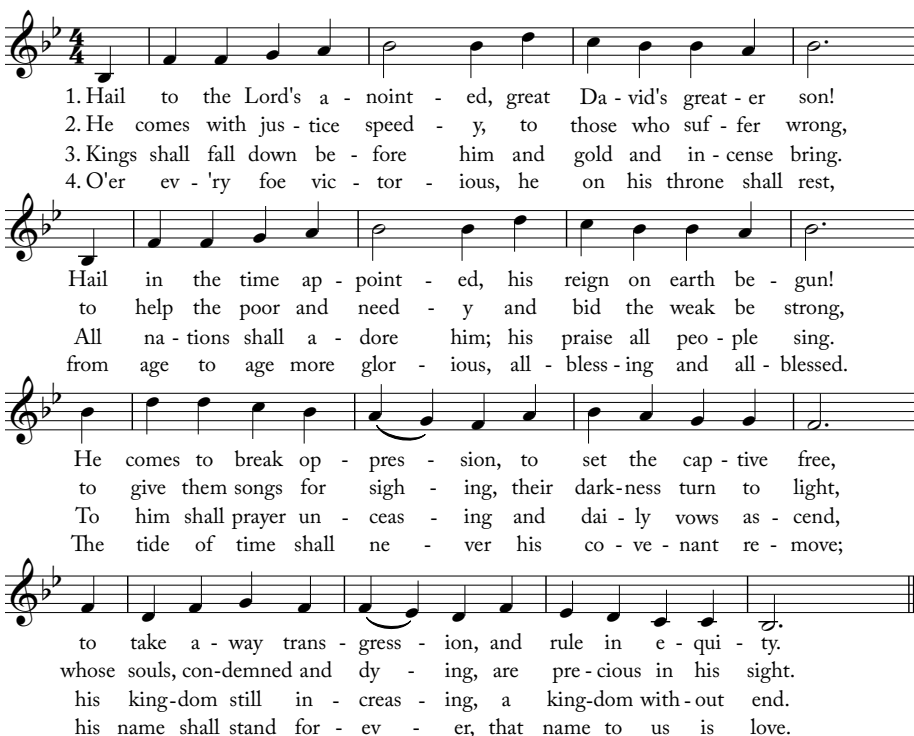
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

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 Praise God

Psalm 72 (Hail to the Lord's Anointed)



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er son!

2. He comes with jus - tice speed - y, to those who suf - fer wrong,

3. Kings shall fall down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring,

4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - tor - ious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!

to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,

All na - tions shall a - dore him; his praise all peo - ple sing.

from age to age more glor - ious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,

To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,

The tide of time shall ne - ver his co - ve - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gress - ion, and rule in e - qui - ty.

whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.

his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

his name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1821
Tune: ST. THEODULPH; Melchior Teschner, 1613

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

Doxology – Old 100th

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

Festive Trumpet Tune

D. German

**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.

Postlude

Liturgist: Rev. Charles Godwin

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*; Young Kim, *piano*.

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 This Afternoon

Join us this afternoon at 4:30pm here in the sanctuary for our next Central Concert Series event. The Ariel Chamber Series returns to continue its mission of sharing the beauty of classical music through this engaging program of chamber music for winds. Featuring members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, including Central member Andy Gott, along with Matt and Jennifer Mazzoni, the concert is breathtakingly inspirational - and free! Come join us this afternoon.

Grow as a Parent

Calling all parents: we invite you to join us for a two-day parenting conference on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28. Parenting is a great joy but not always easy. This conference will equip you to grow in your understanding, compassion, and skills for relating with your children (and/or grandchildren!). Questions? Feel free to contact us at info@centralpres.com or scan the QR for more details.



Making Sundays Special

If you're wondering how you might step into what God is doing at Central, consider joining our Sunday Morning volunteer team. Whether it's greeting, parking, safety and security, or serving in audio/visual, there are meaningful ways for everyone to get involved. We currently have a critical need for audio and video volunteers, and we are also urgently looking to add a part-time tech for Sundays. Email info@centralpres.com to get connected.

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

