

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30AM

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LESSONS FROM THE CHURCHES IN REVELATION



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Central

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Lent

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.

The colors at the front of the church are purple to mark the season of Lent. During Lent we focus on Christ's suffering as he sacrificed himself to serve a fallen world even to the point of death on a cross. We also lament the brokenness of ourselves and our world, and we renew our commitment to follow Jesus on the path of suffering service for the sake of God's kingdom that he first walked on our behalf as the Suffering Servant-King.

Song Without Words, Op. 67 No. 3

F. Mendelssohn

Standing (if able)

from John 1:29; Revelation 1:5-6

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Hallelujah, Amen!

Holy, Holy, Holy



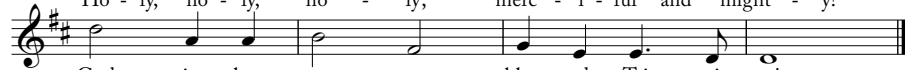
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea.
though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see.
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; merc - i - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shall be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826
Tune: NICAEA; John B. Dykes, 1861

Christ humbled himself to give his life for us.

Therefore God has highly exalted him!

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.

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.

Seated

from Revelation 3:19; Proverbs 28:13

Jesus said, "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent." Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that our hearts are bent toward evil,
and we are too easily lured by sinful desires
to wander from your way like lost sheep.
We have often closed our hearts to you,
refusing to repent and return to you
when your Spirit convicts and guides us.
We have ignored or delighted in sins
that we should have hated and put to death,
and we have willingly broken your holy law
in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
Lord, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, turn our wandering hearts back to you in true repentance and faith in Christ. Renew us and lead us by your Holy Spirit so that we may hate our sin with godly sorrow and turn to you with confidence in your mercy, with delight in your will, and with new commitment to walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Standing (if able)

from 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 8:1-2

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

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!

I Am Not My Own

1. The One who made the hea - vens made my heart and soul,
 2. My bo - dy is a tem - ple of the Liv - ing God,
 3. And if he has re - deemed me, I am not my own;
 4. I am not my own, and now my heart is free;

be - fore I drew a breath, I was loved and known. I am his cre - a - tion,
 I'll wor - ship in this house that his blood has bought. As I bear his im - age,
 the mea - sure of my worth is his love a - lone. He de - clares my stand - ing
 oh Ma - ker, come and make what you will of me. There is noth - ing bro - ken

the Ma - ker's mas - ter - piece and all that he de - signs will be done in me. (to verse 2)
 oh may I not pro - fane the ho - li - ness I hold in this earth - ly frame. (to chorus)
 and he de - clares my state. So I will know my - self by the name he gave. (to chorus)
 that you can - not re - pair, so Lord, I leave my life in your lov - ing care. (to chorus)

Chorus
 I be - long to the Lord; oh, I am not my own. I be - long to the Lord; I am not my own.
 I will hon - or him, for this I know: I be - long to the Lord; I am not my own.

Text and tune: Skye Peterson, Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Thomas Anderson
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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.

**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, not Roman Catholic.

**New Baptized
Members**

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.**

George Edward Skae

Son of John and Alexandra Skae

Brother of Jack Skae

Grandson of Michael and Mimi Hammack

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from *The Short Service*

Chancel Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
And hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good thing, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel,
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light for to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people, Israel.
Glory be to the Father...

Thomas Weelkes

*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.

Revelation 3:1-6

The Lord teaches the humble his way.

My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

“Turn Back to True Life” – Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

pew Bible page 1029

Psalms 25:9; 119:81

Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to Thee.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love.
3. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my king.
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold.
5. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no long er mine.
6. Take my love my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treas - ure store.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in
Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag -
Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as
Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy
Take my - self and I will be ev - er, on - ly,

ceas - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874
Tune: HENDON; César Malan, 1827

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 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.

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1. Church of God, e - lect and glor - ious, ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race,
 2. God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most mar - velous light,
 3. Once you were an a - lien peo - ple, stran - gers to God's heart of love,
 4. Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple he in - tends,

called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace:
 brought his truth to life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
 but he brought you home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
 strong in faith and swift to an - swer each com - mand your Mas - ter sends.

know the pur - pose of your call - ing; show to all his might - y deeds;
 Let your light so shine a - round you, that God's name is glor - i - fied,
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers; let them feel the Fa - ther's care,
 Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri - fice and prayer.

tell of love that knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 and all find fresh hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 that they too may know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
 Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice; sing his praise; his love de - clare.

Text: J. E. Seddon, 1982
 Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN; Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

This Is My Father's World

This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done.
Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

Tune: TERRA BEATA; Traditional English melody

Toccatà

A. Mailly

Liturgist: Matt Woodson

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

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

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.

Community Group Lunch Today

Interested in connecting with others at Central? Community Groups are a great way to do that, and to grow your faith. Today after our second service there will be a lunch presentation and discussion where you can learn more about participating, or even hosting / facilitating a community group. Contact Pastor Mike Farley or email us at info@centralpres.com for more information.

Church-Wide Study Week 4

This week our study on repentance continues, and there are several ways for you to participate:

- This morning at 10am in Fellowship Hall.
- This afternoon online at 4pm.
- By watching a recording of the weekly lesson later in the week.

Feel free to contact us at info@centralpres.com for more information or if you need help.

Celebrating 25 Years of the Micah Project

Next Sunday, April 6, we invite you to join us for a special lunch after church to celebrate 25 years of ministry for the Micah Project. Our very own Michael Miller, who grew up here at Central, started this wonderful ministry in 2000. Central has supported it from the very beginning and it continues to be a significant part of our annual Missions Ministry. Come celebrate what God continues to do through this ministry!

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

