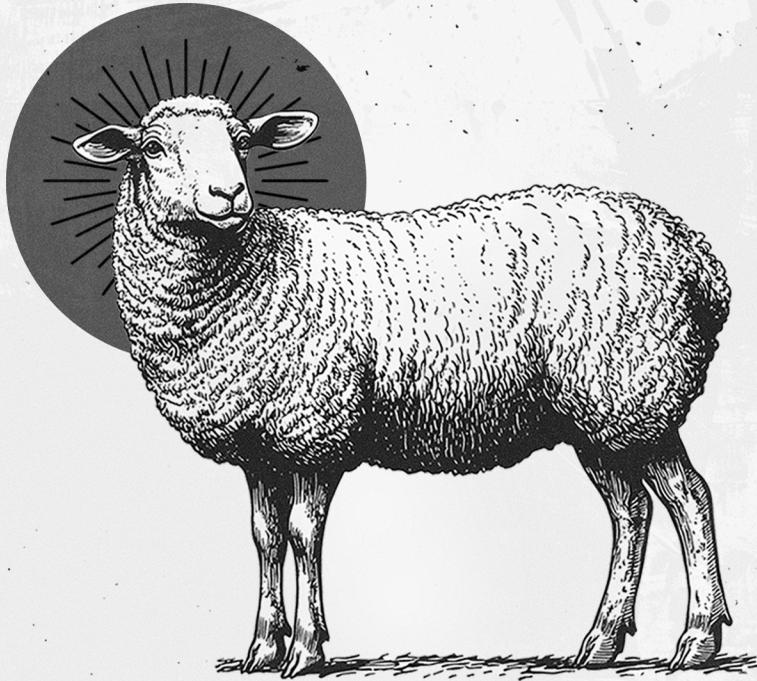


ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

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.

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.

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O For a Thousand Tongues

Chancel Ringers
Amy Jensen, director

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from John 1:29; Luke 1:72-73, 77, 79

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,
who remembers his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

God Calls Us To Worship

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

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!

We Praise God

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

Text: Reginald Heber, 1823
Tune: NICAEA; John B. Dykes, 1861

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 humbled himself to give his life for us.

Therefore God has highly exalted him!

Seated

from John 11:25; 1 John 1:8-9

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in him, though he die, yet shall he live. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lord our healer,
you have promised to restore the outcast and the suffering,
to bring healing, wholeness, and new life to the world.

**Please forgive us when we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Forgive us when we don't trust you

or expect you to heal or work in a powerful way.

**Forgive us when we do not want to be healed
and resist the transformation we need to grow.**

**Forgive us when we turn away from people in need
whom we could serve with your healing love and hope.**

Lord, we are sorry, and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, help us to embrace the healing you offer us in Christ. Cleanse us, restore 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 John 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:24

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. He 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.

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.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore



1. Mine are days that God has num-bered. I was made to walk with him.
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der - stood.
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row way.



Yet I look for world-ly treas - ure and for - sake the King of Kings.
Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth-ly good.
One with Christ I will en - count - er harm and ha - tred for his name.



But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er. Though I fall, his love is sure,
But mine is peace that flows from hea - ven and the strength in times of need.
But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war.



for Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail - ing. I am his for - ev - er - more. *(verse 2)*
I know my pain will not be wast - ed. Christ com - pletes his work in me. *(verse 3)*
And he has said he will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold-en shore. *(chorus)*



Chorus
And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci - ty where be - side the King I walk.



For there my heart has found its trea - sure. Christ is mine for - ev - er - more. *(bridge)*



Bridge
Come, re - joice now, O my soul, for his love is my re - ward.



Fear is gone and hope is sure. Christ is mine for - ev - er - more! *(chorus)*

Text and tune: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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Seated

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Chancel Choir

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."

Here is the Bread of Life, see the waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

Text: Thomas Moore; Music: Terre Johnson

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

Luke 8:26-39

pew Bible page 865-866

The Lord teaches the humble his way.
My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

Psalm 25:9; 119:81

"Tormented to a Testimony" – Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

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.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea.
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind,

There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good.
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed.
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word,

There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, there is heal - ing in his blood.
There is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: F. W. Faber, 1862
Tune: CORVEDALE, M. Bevan

Chris & Peter Surdo
Spring Storm

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.

1. Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our great Re-deem-er praise.
 2. Hap - py are the ones pro - fess - ing Ja - cob's God to be their aid.
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - oner free,
 4. Praise the LORD! Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Come, our great Re-deem-er praise.

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 They are blest whose hope of bless - ing on the LORD their God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor on hu - man help de - pend.
 Heav'n and earth the LORD cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain
 God our Sav - ior loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er; through all a - ges he is King.

They shall die, to dust re - turn - ing; all their thoughts and plans shall end.
 He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion; right - eous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the or - phan and the wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146, *Psalter*, 1887, alt.
 Tune: RIPLEY; Lowell Mason, 1839

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.

Lenten Doxology – 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.

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
Tune: TERRA BEATA; Franklin L. Sheppard

Tocatta

E. Gigout

Postlude

Liturgist: Eric Schmidt

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

Chancel Ringers: Amy Jensen, (director); Jill Clayton, Susan Griesedieck, Anola Heitmann, Todd Heitmann, Genevieve Mazzoni, David McCoy, Mary Ellen Raymond, Carolyn Reising, Alexis Sehorn, Carolyn Sehorn, Chris Sehorn, Noelle Stith, Jeanne Weltman.

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.

Connect at Community Night

Our weekly "Community Night" on Wednesdays is a great way connect with others and to grow your faith. Dinner (free!) is at 5pm followed by a range of Bible studies and class opportunities for all ages. You can find lots of additional information by visiting www.centralpres.com/spring.

Evangelism Class Continues Today - 10am

Today in Fellowship Hall, we continue our special 3-week Sunday School class on the topic of evangelism - sharing the saving message of Jesus Christ with others. Come join us at 10am downstairs in Fellowship Hall and be inspired and equipped to connect with people in your life who need to know the Lord Jesus.

Forest Park Easter Outreach

In preparation for our Easter Sunrise service at Forest Park, we will be spreading the word in Forest Park at the World's Fair Pavilion on Saturday, March 25. We would love to have a large presence for this, to attract as many potential invitees as possible.

When: 10am-12pm or 1-3pm

What: Water Bottle Hand-Out (Government Dr on the bottom of World Fair's Pavilion)

Let's pray for God to bring many new guests to join us this Easter! Contact us at info@centralpres.com for more information.

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.

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