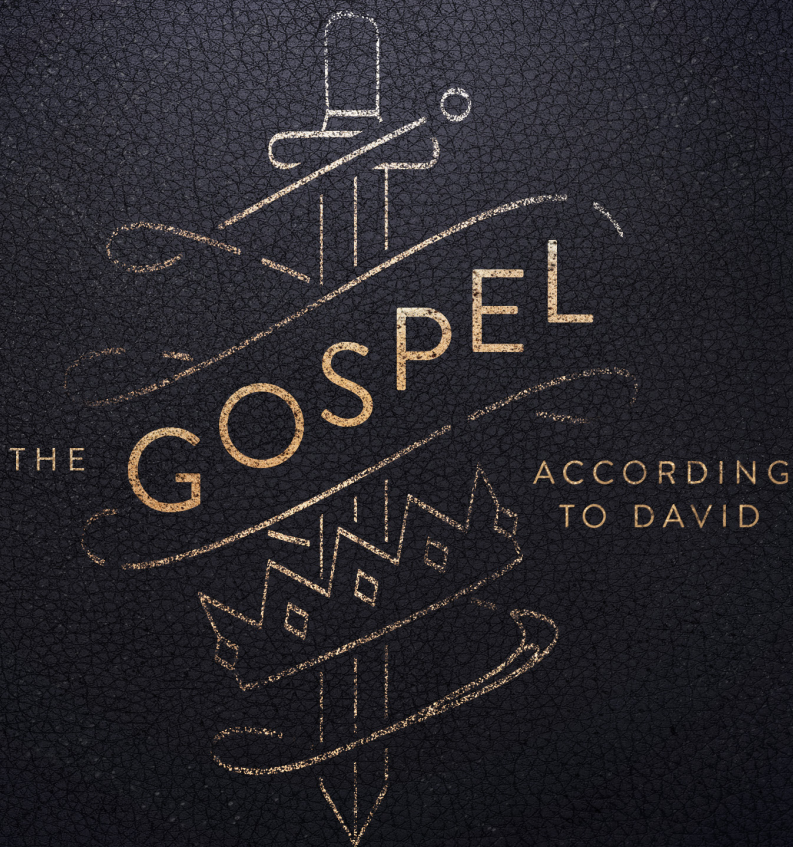


ORDER OF WORSHIP
June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

9:00AM



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: 9:00am & 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 color in the church is red to mark the festival of Pentecost. Ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven, he poured out the Holy Spirit tangibly upon his people in wind, fire, and many languages as a sign of his ongoing presence with his people and his mission to share his salvation with all peoples. The Spirit gives us power to do his will, gifts to serve those around us, and assurance of his love as we await the day when he will come again to renew all things.

Allemande from French Suite in E-flat Major

J. S. Bach

Prelude

Standing (if able)

from Revelation 1:6

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who gives us life in Christ by his Spirit.
Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church:
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!

**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.

Joyful, Joyful/For Your 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 - rect - ion 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) Henry Van Dyke, 1907; (vss. 2-4) Edith M. Clarkson, 1959

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

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

from Galatians 5:13, 16; James 4:10

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge the sinful nature. Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Lord Jesus, you are the true temple of God,
and you have made us your living temple by your Spirit
to enjoy free access to draw near to you.

**You often treat communion with you as trivial and common.
and we find greater honor, joy, and purpose in other things.**

You have called us to offer spiritual sacrifices of worship
in prayer and in Christ-like lives.

**But we have neglected and abused this holy privilege,
and we are too often content to live far from you
without hearing and responding to your Spirit working through your word.**

You have made us a holy priesthood to reflect your glory to the world.

But we are not holy as you are holy.

**We are too conformed to the world's habits of sin,
and so we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed
by what we done and by what we have left undone.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, set us apart from the world as your holy people filled with your Holy Spirit so that we may serve the world with your truth and love. By the power of your Spirit, please help us live as your spiritual household, rejoicing to draw near to you in worship and reflecting the glory of your truth and grace to the world. Amen.

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.

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.

Standing (if able)

from Titus 3:5-6; Romans 8:1-2

God saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

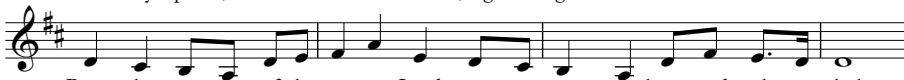
For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



1. Ho - ly Spi-rit, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will-ing soul.
2. Ho - ly Spir-it, come a - bide with - in; may your joy be seen in all I do.
3. Ho - ly Spir-it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has made.



Bring the pre-sence of the ri-sen Lord, to re-new my heart and make me whole.
Love e-nough to cov-er ev-ery sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
Show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your church to hun-ger for your ways.



Cause your word to come a - live in me; give me faith for what I can-not see.
Kind-ness to the great-est and the least; gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



Give me pass - ion for your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
Turn my striv-ings in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Text and tune: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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Seated

I Will Sing with the Spirit

Summer Choir

I will sing with the Spirit, alleluia.
And I will sing with the understanding also, alleluia.

Text: I Cor. 14:15; Music: John Rutter

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

2 Samuel 6:1-23

pew Bible page 258-259

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

Isaiah 40:8

“Holy Is His Name” – Rev. Dr. Tom Gibbs

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.

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart.
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,
 Wean it from sin, through all its puls - es move.
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all thine own soul, heart, and strength, and mind.
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame.
 Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 The bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove,
 and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1854
 Tune: EVENTIDE; William H. Monk, 1861

Standing (if able)

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life,
for you have made us the living temple of your presence in Christ,
and you pray in us and for us with groans too deep for words.

**Almighty Father, hear our prayer and transform our lives
by the wisdom, grace, and power of the Spirit of your Son.**

(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 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. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns, the pris - 'ner leaps to
 3. Where he dis - plays his heal - ing pow'r death and the curse are
 4. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his love with
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring their grate - ful hon - ors

jour - neys run. His king - dom stretch from shore to
 lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 known no more. In him the tribes of A - dam
 sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 to our King. An - gels des - cend with songs a -

shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 boast more bless - ings than their fath - er lost.
 claim their ear - ly prais - es to his name.
 gain and earth re - peat the loud A - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719
 Tune: DUKE STREET; John W. Hatton, 1793

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

Carillon - Sortie

H. Mulet

Liturgist: Rev. Charles Godwin

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *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.

Summer Evening Cookout

Come enjoy a relaxed summer evening cookout! We'll set up lawn games and have burgers, brats, and hot dogs sizzling on the grill at the Mt. Calvary Pavilion in Brentwood (9321 Litzsinger Rd, St. Louis, MO 63144) on Friday, June 13, at 6:30 pm. Please contact us at info@centralpres.com to let us know you plan to attend.

Vacation Bible School

Calling all kids ages 3 through 5th grade! Vacation Bible School this summer will take place nightly the week of June 23-27 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Registration is now open. Many volunteers are also needed to make this event a success! Use the QR code at right or contact us at info@centralpres.com for more information or to get connected.

Serve Through Giving: Financial Update

Through May 2025, we have received roughly \$1.25 million for our annual ministry budget, against a budget of \$1.51 million for the same period. Your partnership is essential to our ministry plans this year and meeting our \$4.69 million annual budget. Thank you for joining us in this important work! Visit www.centralpres.com/giving for information about different ways to give.

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE

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.

