
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2020 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING **FAITH**,
FRIENDSHIP, **FAMILY**

Welcome to Central

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to the person seated next to you.

Have a prayer request? Interested in getting involved in the church? Want to serve on a committee? Like to update your contact information? Please use a Community Connection card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

Worshipping with young children? Worship is for all ages, but should your child become restless, there is childcare for children up to age 5 provided in our nursery until 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship books with Bible stories, crayons, and pencils are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: Jeff Green

Crucifer: John Lowe

Audio: Dennis Moore

Hosts: John Fisher, Ray Getting, Jean Hamilton, Lynn Mankins

Driver: Barb Schmidt

Deacons Flower Delivery:
Katie Waggett

Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. Be sure to silence all cell phones.

Please join us for Fellowship

Time: 11:15 AM, in the East Parlor. Host: Courtney LaPole, Christian Education Committee.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*In Christ There Is No East or West
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Gordon Young
Sue Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God—
Who creates us and loves us;
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
Who inspires people of all ages to seek justice,
and live together in love and equality;
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness
and well-being for all;
And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

♦ HYMN 396

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Martin Luther King, Jr.

O God, we thank you for the lives
of great saints and prophets in the past,
who have revealed to us that we can stand up
amid the problems and difficulties and trials of life,
and not give in.
We thank you for our foreparents,
who've given us something in the midst of the darkness
of exploitation and oppression to keep going.
Grant that we will go on with the proper faith
and the proper determination of will,
so that we will be able
to make a creative contribution to this world.
In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CANTICLE 466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Randi McNally

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Amos 5:21–24
OT, p. 808

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Chancel Choir
arr. Robert Lau

In the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
give me Jesus.
Just about the break of day,
give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, Lord.
And when I come to die,
give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
give me Jesus.
And when I want to sing,
give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, my Lord.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 8:31–32
NT, p. 88

SERMON

Transforming the Jangling Discords

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ **HYMN 379**

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Wilbur Held

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Flor Peeters

Worship Next Week: The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: Isaiah 9:1–4, Matthew 4:12–23

Upcoming Events

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:00–10:00 AM, Education Wing

Christian Education opportunities for all ages.

Infants & Toddlers:Nursery

Preschool:..... Room 102

Grades K–1: Room 101

Grades 2–5: Room 2

Youth (Grades 6–12): Room 201

Adults:Fireside Room

Sunday Adult Education

Sundays, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

2020: a new year, a new decade. Amid all of the history-in-the-making, how can people of faith put our commitments to peace and justice into action?

If you are ready to start 2020 by challenging yourself to get out of your comfort zone, come listen and learn together in Adult Education. We will tackle *Tough Questions in 2020* in dialogue with scripture, facilitated by Central's Parish Associate, Rev. Annika Lister Stroepe.

January 26 What is “White Privilege” and what does the Bible have to say about it?

Watch for more information soon on the February series:

Celebrating the Centennial: The Role of Religion in Women’s Suffrage.

Viewing and Discussion of Film *Just Mercy*

Today, January 19, 3:35 PM, AMC Classic Cobblestone 9

Join with folks from around the metro to view this important film.

Just Mercy is the true story of the work of attorney Brian Stevenson to exonerate wrongly accused death row inmates. Afterwards, around 6:00 PM, those who have viewed the film will meet at Panera on 86th to have discussion time hosted by Women at the Well UMC Iowa prison ministry. Join Central's Parish Associate Rev. Annika Lister Stroepe to participate in the discussion.

What We Believe: Adult Education Series

Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM, Room 202

Do you have questions about your faith? Perhaps you have doubts or even disagree with what you think Christians believe. This class will explore the foundational beliefs of our faith. The class is facilitated by Central's Seminary Intern, Sheryl Puderbaugh.

January 22	The Trinity: How can we understand it?
January 29	The Trinity: How do we experience the Trinity?
February 5	The Sacraments: Baptism
February 12	The Sacraments: The Lord's Supper

Upcoming Youth Events

High School

January 19	Movie Night, <i>Dolittle</i> , meet at AMC Cobblestone 9, Urbandale, at 6:30 PM
January 26	Willkie House, 1:00–3:00 PM, Carpool to lunch after worship, then volunteer at Willkie House.

Middle School

January 22	5:00 – 7:00 PM, Youth Group
January 29	Meals from the Heartland

Youth Ski Trip

February 15–16. Mount Kato, Mankato, MN

AmericInn Hotel in Mankato. Cost: \$125 per person which includes a lift pass and rental for two days and the hotel cost. If you don't need to rent any gear please let Lou know.

2020 Stewardship Update

as of January 16, 2020

If you have not made a pledge or gift, please give prayerful consideration to increasing your commitment level and help us reach our goal.

Pledge goal: \$565,000

Received: 166 pledges totaling \$551,580 (97.6%)

Of the pledges received:

- 69 are increased in the amount of \$319,818 (\$29,695 increase)
- 21 are decreased in the amount of \$58,640 (\$19,503 decrease)
- 56 are unchanged in the amount of \$151,062
- 20 are new pledges in the amount of \$22,060

Friendship Dinner & Auction

Friday, February 21, 5:30–8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, \$18.00/person

Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship:

- ◆ Beverages & appetizers
- ◆ Candlelit, 3-course Fine Dining
- ◆ Live auction of events and items valued at over \$300 each
- ◆ Silent auction of member-hosted events in 2020
- ◆ Childcare and pizza will be provided. Nursery for preschoolers and movie night for ages 5-11

Want to donate and/or host an experience, dinner, brunch, fun event or gathering to be held in 2020? For more information, contact Mary Gordon, 515-306-6413.

Auction proceeds will help fund Central's new sound system for the sanctuary. Your payment is your reservation. Make checks payable to Central Presbyterian Church with *Friendship Dinner* in the memo line or pay online, at www.dmcpc.org/give/.

Central Sports Madness

Sunday, February 9, Iowa Wild Hockey, 3:00 PM

Sunday, March 8, Iowa Wolves Basketball, 3:00 PM

The Membership Committee is offering the opportunity to see and experience two minor league professional teams play at the Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines. Reserve your tickets now! Cost is \$12 per person/game.

February 9: The Iowa Wild vs. Stockton Heat. We'll be drawing for 1 Zamboni ride and Benchwarmer seats for 2 kids & one parent each. Payment deadline is February 5. *Activities:*

- Crash's Birthday
- Youth Jersey Giveaway (first 1,500 fans age 12 & under)
- Postgame Skate

March 8: The Iowa Wolves vs. Santa Cruz Warriors. *Activities:*

- Faith & Family Night
- Game tickets include a meal voucher!
- Post-game concert by I AM THEY, a Christian band

RSVP: Sign up on the board in the East Parlor or call the church office at 515-279-3658.

Tuesday Sewing Help Needed

Do you have sewing skills you'd like to share? The group of women who sew at Central on Tuesday evenings have a great teacher, but she will be out of town for several weeks. The women have started their sewing projects for the new year and simply need guidance and some assistance as they work. If you are available, please contact **Rev. Annika Lister Stroope**, ospannika@gmail.com or 402-942-1636, to let her know if you are available to help in the sewing room from 5:00–7:00 PM on any of the following Tuesdays:

January 28

February 4

March 24 & 31

April 7, 14, 21

This Week at Central

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 3:35 PM Film *Just Mercy* (AMC Cobblestone 9)
- 6:30 PM Senior High Movie (AMC Cobblestone 9)

Monday, January 20

Church Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

- 5:30 PM Session

Tuesday, January 21

- 5:00 PM Power Read (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 22

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM Middle School Youth Group
- 6:00 PM What We Believe (Room 202)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, January 23

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 24

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Senior High Lunch & Volunteer at Willkie House

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Mission Statement

We strive to be a Christian congregation dedicated to a strong tradition of worship, committed to spiritual inquiry and growth, caring for one another, and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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