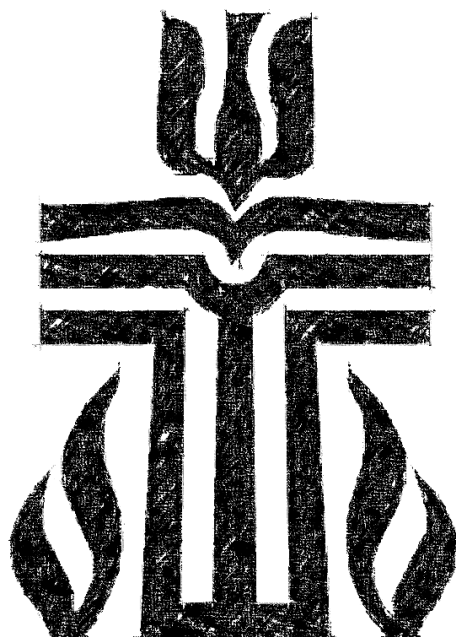

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 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:

Guest Preacher: Amgad Beblawi

Liturgist: Sheryl Puderbaugh,
Wallace Bubar

Crucifer: John Lowe

Audio: Dennis Moore

Hosts: Mary Alice Baker, Laura
Covill, Ray Getting, Bill Green

Driver: Marvin Minor

Deacons Flower Delivery:
Hilary Fort

We welcome our guest preacher, Amgad Beblawi, who serves as interim executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Des Moines.

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

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary are given by Ann Davidson in memory of her grandson, Ryan.

Please join us for Fellowship Time: 11:15 AM, in the East Parlor. Host: Molly Clause, Nominating Committee.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation
How Firm a Foundation

Michael Burkhardt
Robert A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

**Happy are those who keep God's decrees,
who seek God with their whole heart.**

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes,
and my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**I will observe your statutes,
and I will praise you with an upright heart.**

♦ HYMN 321

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God,
you gave us the law to guide our lives.
May we never shrink from your commandments,
but as we are taught by your son Jesus,
fulfill the law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

CANTICLE 466

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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.

WORD

EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 3:1–9
NT, p. 146

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis

Youth Handbells
arr. Norris Stephens

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5:21–26, 38–48
NT, pp. 4, 5

SERMON

Amgad Beblawi

◆ **HYMN 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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 ANTHEM

Awake, My Soul

Chancel Choir
Elaine Hagenberg

Awake, awake my soul,
I will awaken the dawn!

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let Thy glory be over all the earth.

For Thy steadfast mercy is great,
Thy faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Thy steadfast mercy is great,
reaching to the heavens;
awake, awake my soul, awake!

Awake, awake my soul,
I will awaken the dawn! Awaken the dawn!

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

◆ HYMN 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Michael Burkhardt

Worship Next Week: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday, February 23, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: Exodus 24:12–18, Matthew 17:1–9

Upcoming Events

2020 Friendship Dinner & Auction

Friday, February 21, 5:30–8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Childcare and pizza will be provided. Nursery for preschoolers and movie night for ages 5-11. Auction events and experiences include:

Silent Auction Events

- Authentic Italian Dinner
- Brunch with a Punch
- Champagne Brunch
- Garden Party to Reminisce with Friends
- Jurassic Jungle Kids' Planter Workshop
- DM Art Center Tour
- DM Symphony MASTERWORKS 5 – *Carmina Burana*
- DM Symphony Pops & Dinner
- Metro Bike Tour of Art
- Murder Mystery Theater at the Deadwood Saloon
- Oktoberfest Dinner
- Progressive Porch Party
- Salisbury House & Gardens Tour
- Tailored Technology Training
- Toast from the Top of the Barbican

Live Auction Experiences

- 7-day stay at condo in Clearwater, Florida
- 4 Tickets to the Best Seats at the Iowa Cubs
- Delray Beach, Florida Bed & Breakfast 3-day Stay
- Evening Soiree hosted for 25 Friends
- Iowa Cubs Skybox tickets
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- Spa Retreat in WDM
- Lake Vermillion Cabin – a Minnesota Getaway
- Office or Home Interior Design Consultation
- Pi's and more Pies
- REI Adventure Gift Package

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. If you have not paid for your reservation, please make check (\$18/person) payable to Central Presbyterian Church with *Friendship Dinner* in the memo line.

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.

February 19	The Sacraments: Baptism
February 26	No Class
March 4	The Sacraments: Communion
March 11	Scripture, Authority and Interpretation

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

Please note: Spring break is the week of March 15. Sunday School will not meet on March 15 or March 22.

Sunday Adult Education

Sundays, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

February 23: Celebrating the Centennial: The Role of Religion in Women's Suffrage

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Enjoy pancakes and all the fixings for this year's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The fun event includes Dixieland music, pancakes and an authentic New Orleans King Cake. (Who will find the baby in the cake?) All are invited as we usher in the season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 26

12:15 PM, Cownie Chapel

7:00 PM, Sanctuary

We're offering two different opportunities for you to begin the Lenten season. Both services will last approximately 30 minutes, and will include contemplative prayer, Scripture, and music, with the imposition of ashes.

Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch

Sunday, February 23, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be served, with a free-will offering. The annual meeting will include a slideshow of 2019 highlights. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Hear the report of the Nominating Committee/elect officers:

Ruling Elders, Class of 2023

Laura Bandstra

Steve Hopkins

Lynda Pitts

Ryle Egge

John McCarroll

Board of Deacons, Class of 2023

Rebecca Fleming

Dustin Mead

Paul Tavernier

Barbara Getting

Billie Sturges

Jenny Varghese

Board of Deacons, Class of 2021 (unexpired term)

Jim Asklof

Nominating Committee

Annie Brandt

Jeff Green

Dwight James

Jann Freed

Jean Hamilton

Carl Voss

- Vote on the Pastor's 2020 Terms of Call

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Saturday, February 29, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM

Eleven volunteers from Central are needed for a build in Des Moines. No experience is necessary. In addition, volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunch for about 16 total.

To volunteer use this link:

<https://gdmhabitat.secure.force.com/volunteer/VolunteersJob-ListingFSC?jobId=a0G4N00000LGJz4UAH> or for more information, contact Todd Mattison at todd.mattison@gmail.com or 515-201-0474.

Deacons' DMARC Diaper Drive

The Deacons have decided that February is diaper month. Diapers are a huge cost for low-income families. On average, a family has to spend \$936 a year per child. That's 6% of a single mother's gross pay from a full-time minimum wage job. Please participate by bringing in diapers throughout the month of February to the 39th St. Lobby where the DMARC cart is currently located. Let's see if we can build a diaper pyramid to the ceiling! After March 1, we will transport the diapers to DMARC for distribution. The Deacons appreciate your generosity.

LOGOS Volunteers Needed

The Wednesday night children's programming, LOGOS, is looking for adults to help in the kitchen (4:30–6:30 PM preparation through clean up) or, sitting at each table to enjoy a nice meal and conversation with the kids (5:00–5:45 PM).

Your participation helps make the evening run smoothly and adds meaning to the children's experiences!

To sign up, follow this link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0945A8A72EA64-logos or contact Randi McNally, 515-279-3658 or rmcnally@dmcp.org.

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 need guidance and some assistance as they work. If you are available, please contact Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, email 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:

March 24 & 31

April 7, 14 & 21

Central Sports Madness

Sunday, March 8, Wells Fargo Arena, 3:00 PM, Cost \$12/person

The Membership Committee has organized an outing to the Iowa Wolves basketball game against the Santa Cruz Warriors. Special afternoon activities:

Faith & Family Night

Game tickets include a meal voucher

Post-game concert by Christian band *I AM THEY*

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

This Week at Central

Sunday, February 16

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
- 9:00 AM Youth Hand Bells Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Room 208)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)

Monday, February 17

- 5:30 PM Session (Room 202)

Tuesday, February 18

- 5:30 PM Power Read (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 19

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group (Room 201)
- 6:00 PM What We Believe (Room 202)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (39th St Lobby)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Thursday, February 20

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 21

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes
- 5:30 PM Friendship Dinner & Auction (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 23

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 AM Children's Chorus (Cownie Chapel)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Congregational Lunch & Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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Organist

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Children's Music Director

Sue Hudson
Morgen Bells Director

Beth Triebel
Youth Bell Choir Director

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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