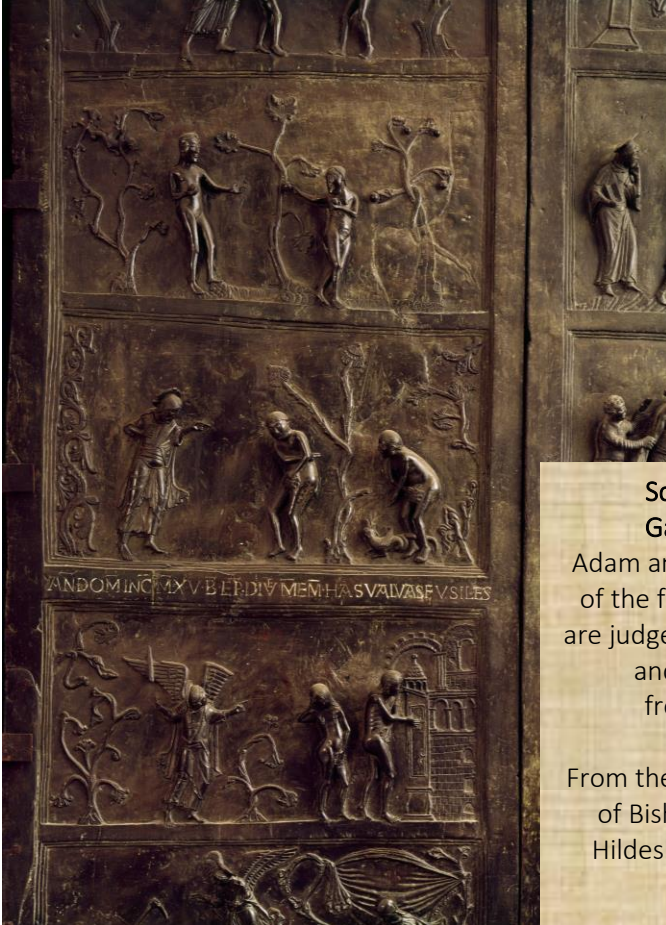

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020 | 10:15 AM



Scenes from the Garden of Eden:

Adam and Eve partake
of the forbidden fruit,
are judged by the Lord,
and are banished
from the garden

From the bronze doors
of Bishop Bernward,
Hildesheim, ca. 1015

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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: Connie Boesen

Crucifer: John Lowe

Communion preparation:

Mary Jean Paschen

Communion servers: David Boyd,

Roger Dahl, Bev Evans, Bill

Green, Jean Hamilton,

Courtney LaPole, John & Mary

McCarroll, Sheryl Puderbaugh,

Beth Triebel, Susan Voss

Audio: Marvin Minor

Hosts: Karen Henderson, Kevin &

Shaunna Maxwell, Emily Selden

Driver: Julie Cherry

Deacons Flower Delivery: Ann

Lovell

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 Wendell and Lois Harms in memory of Jim Grifhorst, Lois' brother and Jeffrey Kopacek, Lois' nephew.

Please join us for Fellowship:

11:15 AM, in the East Parlor.

Host: Lynn Bridie, Board of Deacons.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God of Grace
Lift High the Cross

Robert A. Hobby
Donald Busarow

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, walking in the garden—
Breathe life into us.
Tempted God, praying in the desert—
Breathe life into us.
Holy God, traveling towards the city—
Breathe life into us.

Iona Community

◆ HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God,
you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care,
and relying on our own cleverness.
Have mercy on us, we pray.
Cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and recreate us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Worshippers are invited to pause for a time of reflection,
silent prayer, and meditation.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

KYRIE 551

LAND OF REST

Lord, Have Mercy

GREETING

The grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sheryl Puderbaugh

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
OT, p. 2

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
Peter C. Lutkin

Into the Woods My Master Went

Into the woods my Master went,
clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him.
The thorn tree had a mind to Him,
when into the woods He came.
'Tis midnight and on Olive's brow
the star is dimmed that lately shone.
'Tis midnight in the garden now,
the Savior prays alone.
'Tis midnight and for others' guilt
the Savior weeps in blood.

Yet He that hath in anguish knelt
is not forsaken by God.
'Tis midnight and from heav'nly plains
is borne the song that angels know.
Unheard by mortals are the strains
that soothe the Savior's woe.
Out of the woods my Master went
and He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
content with death and shame.
When death and shame would woo Him last,
under the trees they drew Him last.
'Twas on a tree they slew Him last,
when out of the woods He came.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:1-11
NT, p. 3

SERMON

*From the Garden into the Wilderness...
and the Wilderness Back to the Garden*

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ **HYMN 165**

The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Johann Walther

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EUCCHARIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus 572

Pavlechko

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you serve your neighbor, you may say:

The bread of life.

The cup of the new covenant.

Please hold the bread until everyone has received and partake simultaneously; drink the cup when served.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the Narthex.

PRAYER

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

Worship Next Week: The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 10:15 AM

Scripture readings: Romans 6:3–11, John 3:1–17

Upcoming Events

Missional Study Group: The Faith of Our Future

Sundays, beginning March 1, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Room 202

All are invited to participate in this exciting exploration of our Christian faith in the 21st century, led by Sheryl Puderbaugh. It will be a guided discovery and discussion group, seeking to understand the changes in our world which are impacting our faith and faith communities and the importance of the Gospel in 21st century world. Engage in Scriptural study, prayer, consideration of recent research and information concerning church revitalization and missional communities. Individually engage in purposeful listening and conversation with others, outside of our church in the communities in which we live, seeking to understand unique challenges and needs of daily living, as well as the spiritual needs of our friends and neighbors. Sharing what we have heard and discovered each week together, we will seek to arrive at new responses which will increase the spiritual vitality and outreach of our church.

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| March 8 | <i>The World Today: Generational, Communications and Family Changes</i> |
| March 15 | <i>Trends & Adaptations</i> |
| March 29 | <i>Models of Church "Growth" in the Des Moines Area</i> |
| April 5 | <i>What Have We Discovered</i> |
| April 19 | <i>The Future: Action Steps for Central Presbyterian Church in Response to What We Have Learned</i> |
| April 25 | <i>Share Our Discoveries with the Congregation and Presbytery</i> |

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.

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| March 4 | Scripture, Authority and Interpretation |
| March 11 | Atonement |

Sunday School

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

No Sunday School March 15 & 22 (Spring Break)

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, March 1, 8 & 29, 9:00 AM, Fireside Room

No class March 15 & 22 (Spring Break)

In the season of Lent, there are many traditions across Christianity. Popular notions about Lenten disciplines often default to “giving up”, such as a favorite (but perhaps not healthy) food or refraining from a habit. Can Lent be a 40-day experience of deepening our faith? Can a Lenten discipline encourage us to be “the hands and feet of Christ in the world?” Explore resources, practices, and traditions from across the wide berth of Christianity and how contemplation and action can be partners in our faith. We will look at references online and from books that are quick and easy to integrate into your daily routine in Lent and beyond. Led by Rev. Annika Lister Stroope, Parish Associate.

Lenten Devotional: *Becoming a Beloved Community*

The *Presbyterians Today* 2020 Lenten Devotional, *Becoming a*

Beloved Community, is available in the Narthex and 39th St. Lobby.

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@dmcpc.org.

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 AM

Daylight Savings Time begins – *Spring forward* one hour.

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.

March Shelter Meal Volunteers Needed

Four more volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the shelter meal on March 13. If you can volunteer, contact Stacey Heston, 515-681-5405 or staceyheston@gmail.com.

Book Group

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM, Roberts Library

We encourage the readers who are men, to join our discussion on the book from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Rules of Civility*, Amor Towles. *A Gentleman in Moscow* is the story of a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel. The book is a bestseller with more than 1.5 million readers that is soon to be a major television series. The discussion will be led by Jean Hamilton.

Donations for Easter Flowers

Easter is Sunday, April 12, 2020. Your contribution helps Central purchase:

- Arrangements for the chancel
- Easter lilies and spring flowers

Order forms are available in the Narthex, 39th Street Lobby and church office. Please complete and return with payment in the offering plate or to the office by Sunday, April 5, 2020. You can also go online for a one-time giving option on Central's website at: www.dmcpc.org/give.

This Week at Central

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM *Faith of Our Future* Study Group (Room 202)
- 5:30 PM High School Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 3

- 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (Room 112)
- 5:30 PM Power Read (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns (Conference Room)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Room 208)

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 112)
- 4:30 PM Worship Committee (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Conf Room)
- 5:00 PM LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM Communications Committee (Room 112)

Thursday, March 5

- 7:00 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 112)
- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Library Committee (Roberts Library)

Friday, March 6

- 12 Noon Church Office Closes

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM *Faith of Our Future* Study Group (Room 202)
- 3:00 PM Iowa Wolves Basketball Game (Wells Fargo Arena)

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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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