
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 2022 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

Welcome to Central

An online worship service is available on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to worship in person.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a **Community Connection card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also use the following **QR Code**:



Open the camera on your smart device. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears. Complete the contact form, and "Submit."

Childcare for children up to age 5 is provided in our nursery until 11:30 AM. The nursery is located in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship packets 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: Bill Green

Hosts: Lynn & Linda Bridie,

Lynn Mankins, Mark Schmidt

Children's Time: Medea Saunders

Music Director & Piano

Accompanist: Rich Dewein

Children's Music Director:

Mary Pohlmann

Organist: Lois Harms

Music: Children's Chorus and Chancel Choir

Audio: Marvin Minor

Editing & Video: Ben Patzlaff

The flowers in the chancel have been given by the Davidson Family in loving memory of Ann Davidson, and Ann's father, Harold W. Townsend.

For online giving, go to www.dmcpc.org/give.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service in the East Parlor. *Hosted by:* Stewardship Committee.

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God
We Praise You, O God*

Robert A. Hobby
Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed.

**You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;**

You provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,**

Softening it with showers
and blessing its growth.

**You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy.

**The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

◆ HYMN 612

KREMSER

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giving and forgiving God,
you created the good earth and blessed it.
Give us glad and generous hearts,

that we may rejoice and give thanks
for the abundance of your creation,
the depths of your mercy,
and your care for all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CANTICLE 71

FIRST SONG

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (refrain)

GREETING

Beloved of God: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Medea Saunders

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Joel 2:21–27
pew Bible, OT p. 801–802

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem ("Give Us Peace")

Children's Chorus
Traditional

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 22:1–10
pew Bible, NT p. 21

SERMON

Guests of the King

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

Randi McNally, *All Is Bright*

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you into this community of faith.
We promise you our love and our care,
our friendship and our support.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we continue to grow together
in the knowledge and love of God,
as we live out the call to be the church of Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us:
Lord, graciously hear us.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debtors/debtors)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Chancel Choir
Healey Willan

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;

Sing to the Lord of harvest
A song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness,
The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness,
With plenty and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet ye fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

◆ **HYMN 643**

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Now Thank We All Our God

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

Upcoming Events

Deacons' Thanksgiving Basket Drive

October 10–November 18

This year our goal is to provide 25–30 baskets filled with foods specifically for Afghan refugee families through Des Moines Refugee Support. Culture specific food items will be purchased to help families create a celebration meal in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Please help by contributing to our effort. **The deadline for donations is November 15.** Make checks payable to Central Presbyterian Church with “Thanksgiving Baskets” in the memo line, place in the offering plate or church office. You may also use Central’s online electronic giving tool at: <https://dmcpc.org/give/>, selecting Deacons’ Thanksgiving Baskets.

Adult Education: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Room 201

Current members of the Wednesday night study group have requested “by popular demand” that we begin a study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s short book, *Life Together*. Only 105 pages long, the book provides both practical and biblical insights on what it means to live together as God’s beloved children. Come join us, as together we explore what it means to be Christ’s people, living as imperfect people, in an imperfect world. Books are available in the Church Office or on Kindle. Join in person in Room 201 or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84112176030>.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 20, 1:30 PM, Sanctuary

Come join us as we decorate the church for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This year, the wreaths in the sanctuary will have a fresh look, with beautiful new bows and decorations made by **Connie Boesen** and **Jennifer Nellans**.

Fellowship, Faith, & Film

Sunday, November 20, 3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

This month we will be watching “The Apostle,” written, directed by and starring Robert Duvall. It is the story of a charismatic Pentecostal

preacher who, thru a series of life changes, “rebaptizes” himself, starts a new church and begins a radio ministry. Come, watch and listen, as the minister faces his past and yet is redeemed. As always refreshments and good conversation will be served.

Light & Gold: SWCC Choral Concert

Tuesday, November 29, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

Enjoy music for the holiday season by the Southwestern Community College Chamber Singers and Concert Choir, under the direction of Tobi Crawford.

All Is Bright

Saturday, December 3, 4:30 to 7:00 PM

We are excited to offer our “All Is Bright” event on Saturday, December 3, to the congregation and public. Besides a concert presented by Roosevelt’s gospel choir “Bridges 2 Harmony” and the tree lighting ceremony, we are planning to welcome everyone to the Fellowship Hall for a soup dinner at 6:00 PM (free will offering).

The success of our dinner will depend upon volunteers making soup, breads, and desserts; as well as volunteers to set up, serve, and tear-down. If you are able to give your time in any of these ways, please contact the Church Office. For those willing to make soup, we will email you the recipes, and will also have copies of the recipes available in the office & East Parlor after worship.

A Country Christmas

Friday, December 9, 5:00 PM, Klug/Tavernier Party Barn

Join us for Christmas carols, Table Christmas Trivia (tables compete in friendly competition) and share dinner consisting of homemade soup, homemade bread, salads and Christmas cookies. Plus, hot chocolate and coffee. **All free!**

You may bring Christmas cookies to share if you wish. **Please RSVP by December 5 to ksanford@dmcp.org**, call the Church Office at 515-279-3658, or sign up in the East Parlor. If you need a ride, let us know and we will arrange transportation.

This Week @ Central

Sunday, November 13

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 9:15 AM Commission of Session (Fireside Room)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee (Room 201)
- 4:30 PM Middle & High School Youth–Shelter Meal
(Van will leave the north Church parking lot at 4:30 PM)

Monday, November 14

- 3:00 PM Community Conversations Committee (Room 201)
- 6:00 PM Deacons (Room 201)

Tuesday, November 15

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 201)
- 6:00 PM Communications Committee (Room 201)

Wednesday, November 16

- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 201)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15 PM Middle School Youth (Room 5)
- 6:00 PM Knitting into the Mystery (Conference Room)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Thursday, November 17

- 8:45 AM Morgen Bells rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM Foundation Board (Room 201)

Saturday, November 19

- 9:00 AM Deacons–Thanksgiving Basket Assembly (East Parlor)

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 1:30 AM Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 PM Fellowship, Faith & Film (Fellowship Hall)

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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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