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# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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January 22, 2023 | 10:15 AM



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

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# Welcome to Central

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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 the **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:* Bruce Heston

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Hosts:* Scott Bandstra,  
Karen Henderson, Kevin Klimowski,  
and Brian Kramer

*Children's Time:* Medea Saunders

*Music Director:* Rich Dewein

*Organist:* Lois Harms

*Music:* Chancel Choir

*Audio:* Marvin Minor

*Video:* Matt Van Winkle

*Editing:* Ben Patzlaff

## The flowers in the chancel

**have been given by** Jason & Sarah Egge in memory of Bob Arnold and in honor of Pat Arnold, grandparents of Norah and Harper Egge, parents of Sarah Egge and parents-in-law of Jason Egge.

For online giving, go to [www.dmcpc.org/give](http://www.dmcpc.org/give).

**Please join us for fellowship and refreshments** following the service in the Fellowship Hall.  
*Hosted by:* World & Community Concerns Committee.

**Be sure to silence all cell phones.**

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Rise Up, O Saints of God  
You Servants of God*

Michael Burkhardt  
Robert A. Hobby

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, gather together like those  
who sat at Jesus' feet so many years ago.

**We gather with joy,**

**for we, too, want to be followers of Christ.**

Christ is here with us now,  
calling us anew to life and love.

**Let us praise God for bringing us together,  
and coming to us in Jesus Christ.**

### ◆ HYMN 299

HANOVER

*You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,  
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,  
to believe the good news,  
and to celebrate the breaking in of your kingdom.  
Like Christ's first apostles,  
may we hear his call to discipleship,  
and, forsaking old ways,  
embody the gospel of new life for a broken world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CANTICLE 648

THANKFUL HEARTS

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

## **GREETING**

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom of God,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit 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.**

Isaiah 9:1–4  
*pew Bible, OT p. 597–598*

## **ANTHEM**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Chancel Choir  
Lloyd Larson

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come now and follow me.  
Lay down your earthly cares,” he said,  
“and I will set you free.”  
I came to Jesus as I was;  
I had no gifts to bring.  
He took my stubborn will, my pride  
and taught my heart to sing!

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
come now and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live for him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

## **GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:12–23  
*pew Bible, NT p. 3*

## **SERMON**

*Gathered and Sent*

Wallace W. Bubar

## ◆ **HYMN 733**

*We All Are One in Mission*

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# **RESPONSE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hear us, O God:  
Your mercy is great.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

David Schack

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

◆ **HYMN 749**

*Come, Live in the Light*

WE ARE CALLED

◆ **BENEDICTION**

◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on O Worship the King*

Michael Burkhardt

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# Upcoming Events

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## **Mission Fair—Meet our Mission Partners!**

*Sunday, January 22, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall*

The World and Community Concerns committee invites you to meet our mission partners on January 22. All of these causes receive funding from our church budget. This is an opportunity to learn more about these organizations and find out how you can get involved. **Mission partners joining us will include:**

- **Our Sister Parish:** Mike Bassett
- **Central Iowa Shelter and Services:** Sadie Nymeyer
- **CROSS Outreach:** Roberta Victor
- **First Arabic Presbyterian Church/Arabic Outreach Center:** Ekram Kachu
- **DMARC United:** Leslie Garman
- **Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity:** Kait Kelly
- **AMOS Iowa:** Susan Stroope
- **Mind and Spirit Counseling Center:** Jim Hayes and Laurie Sloterdyk

## **Sue Hudson Recognition**

*Sunday, January 29, 11:15 AM, East Parlor*

Last month, Sue Hudson retired after serving for over 30 years as Director of the Morgen Bells. On Sunday, January 29, we will celebrate her and express our appreciation. There will be a recognition in the worship service with the presentation of a gift. After the service, a catered reception will be held in Sue's honor. Please join us on this special day!

## **Middle and High School Youth Outing**

*Sunday, February 5, 4:00–6:00, Smash Park, West Des Moines*

Middle and High School youth and their families are invited to attend a family night of fun at West Des Moines Smash Park on Sunday, February 5th, from 4:00 PM–6:00 PM. We have reserved a Pickle Ball Court and a Game Zone, and hope you will join in the fun!

## **Presbyterians United for Refugee Assistance**

*Sunday, March 5, 3:00–5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall*

Vinh Nguyen, United States Refugee Advisory Board, will be the keynote speaker. Special Guests include the Catholic Charities of Des Moines, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran Services in Iowa, and the United States Committee on Refugees and Immigrants.

**The World comes to Iowa!** Please join us for this symposium to learn more about the needs of refugees seeking to resettle in our communities and how we as Presbyterian congregations can come together to support the needs of our newly arrived friends and neighbors.

**Registration forms are available in the East Parlor** and sign up is open thru February 22, 2023. You may also submit your reservations via email to [Office@dmcp.org](mailto:Office@dmcp.org), and remember to include your name, email, and let us know if you would like a meal reservation.

The Symposium will also be available via Zoom by using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88372446985>, Member ID: 883 7244 6985.

## **Vacation Bible School—Save The Date**

*Monday, June 12–Friday, June 16*

The Central Presbyterian Christian Education Committee invites you to save the date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School, "Pets Unleashed," June 12–16, 2023. This will be a fun week of learning about our theme of "Jesus Cares for Us." It will include music, playground, projects with purpose, and a pet blessing! Look for invitations to get involved in the planning in late February. For more information contact Medea Saunders at [mrsaunders@dmcp.org](mailto:mrsaunders@dmcp.org), or call the Church Office at 515-279-3658.



## **Adult Education—Study on the Theology of Sacred Architecture**

*Sundays, 9:00 AM, Room 201*

Join us each Sunday morning as we look at the history, theology, development and symbolism of sacred architecture. We'll be discussing pagan times through the Old Testament, and continue on through the Early Church, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation and modern periods. Those who enjoy art and architecture will be particularly interested in participating in this class.

We will also be considering how historical and theological developments affected the shape, configuration and use of church buildings throughout history. Some today, question the purpose of and need for a church building. Perhaps an answer to this question can be found as we consider the role of sacred architecture and art in the church's theology and liturgy. Please join us each Sunday in person, Room 201 or by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84425247403>.

## **Adult Education—Coming Up**

*Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:00 AM*

A study of the Gospel of John, beginning next week, Wednesday, January 25. Join us in person, Room 201, or by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81369903809>

Meeting ID: 813 6990 3809

*Book Study, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*

Information for our next Wednesday evening book study will be coming soon. Stay tuned. Join us in person, Room 201, or join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84112176030>

Meeting ID: 841 1217 6030

*Fellowship, Faith & Film, Sunday, February 19, 5:00 PM*

Join us in February as we watch the 2000 American biographical film, *Remember the Titans*, starring Denzel Washington. A true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit.

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# This Week @ Central

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## **Sunday, January 22**

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:30 AM Mission Fair (Fellowship Hall)

## **Tuesday, January 24**

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)

## **Wednesday, January 25**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:15 PM Middle School Youth (Room 5)
- 7:00 PM Book Study (Room 201)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

## **Friday, January 27**

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closed

## **Sunday, January 29**

- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Reception for Sue Hudson (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee (Room 201)

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## Mission Statement

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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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