PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023 | 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 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: Jeff Egge
Crucifer: John Lowe
Hosts: Mary Alice Baker,
Lynn & Linda Bridio Tod

Lynn & Linda Bridie, Ted Brown Children's Time: Medea Saunders

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms
Music: Children's Chorus,

Chancel Choir

Audio: Marvin Minor Video: Matt Van Winkle Editing: Ben Patzlaff

The palms in the chancel have been given in memory of Stephen W. Roberts, by his family, Dawn, J.B., Wendy & Grayson Roberts, Justin Roberts, Ann Steinhoff & Eli Roberts; Staci Roberts-Steele; Brian & Freida Steele; and Jane & Paul Anderson, and

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

Charles Roberts

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service in the East Parlor. Hosted by: Ted Brown and Julie Cherry

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

◆ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

◆ GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and mercy be with you all.

And also with you.

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 21:1–11 *NT, pp. 19–20*

- BLESSING OF THE PALMS
- PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

We will process into the Sanctuary in the following order:

Crucifer Congregation Chancel Choir Children's Chorus Liturgist and Pastor ORGAN PROCESSIONAL
 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Michael Burkhardt Michael Burkhardt

HYMN 196
 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord, and with their lives praise him as Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Medea Saunders

ANTHEM

Jesus Strong and Kind

Children's Chorus Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren, Jenny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him. No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.

For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night. We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him. Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him. No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me. And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.

WORD

EPISTLE READING

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:5-11 pew Bible, NT p. 177

ANTHEM

Come to Me

Beth Triebel, soloist Soprano Chancel Choir Dan Forrest

Come to Me, all you who labor, Come to Me, and I will give you rest. Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.

Come, My child, Learn My heart, For I am gentle and lowly. See how great My love for you, That I have called you My child. Come, Come, Come to Me.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 26:47–56 pew Bible, NT p. 26–27

SERMON

Disarming Power

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 198

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

ST. DROSTANE

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Andante from *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Michael Burkhardt

◆ DOXOLOGY 606 OLD

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

◆ HYMN 197 ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- BENEDICTION
- ◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata on All Glory, Laud, and Honor Michael Burkhardt

Upcoming Events

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

April 2, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Blessing of the palms and procession beginning outdoors on the south courtyard and lawn, going into the Sanctuary

Maunday Thursday, Communion Service

April 6, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service

April 7, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 9

Breakfast, 9:00 AM, Fellowship Hall Easter egg hunt, 9:30 AM, on south lawn Easter service, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Faster Baskets

During this Easter season the Deacons are asking for your help with an offering to raise funds for our Shelter Meal Program. Just a \$20 gift donation would be enough food to feed 10 people. Please consider contributing to this cause. You can donate on Centrals giving website www.dmcpc.org/give or by check with "Easter Baskets" in the memo line.

Fellowship, Faith & Film Sunday, April 16, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us in April for as we watch *Songs My Brothers Taught Me*. As our World and Community Concerns Committee is currently developing relationships with the Presbyterian Churches of Dakota Presbytery, the films we are offering in April and May feature the issues facing Native Americans today. This drama set on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota explores the bond between a Lakota Sioux brother and his younger sister. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

Celebrating Central's 175th Anniversary *It's Only Just Begun ...*

The celebration of the 175th Anniversary of Central Presbyterian Church is highlighted with concerts and special musical events leading up to the weekend of June 10-11, 2023. Do not miss these opportunities to pause and rejoice in having Central in our lives!



Central College Chamber Choir

Mark Babcock, director Sunday, April 16, 2023, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Hymn Festival featuring Mark Sedio, Organist Central Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Rich Dewein, director Sunday, May 14, 2023, 4:00 PM, Sanctuary

Central's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 11, 2023, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Sundays, 9:15-10:00 AM, Room 101

Sunday school for elementary children is underway, with an eightweek long study of the Gospel of John, followed by a five-week long study of The Lord's Prayer. Classes are offered from 9:15-10:00 AM. Any children from grades K-5 are welcome to attend. Classes are taught by Medea Saunders. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Medea at msaunders@dmcpc.org.

New Wednesday Night Book Study Wednesday, 7:00 PM, Room 201

Beginning April 12, we will begin reading Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. This book reflects a long spiritual adventure after Nouwen experienced an encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting, The Return of the Prodigal Son. Books are available in the church office, Kindle and even Audible.

This Week @ Central

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Sunday, April 2
    9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 201)
    9:15 AM Sunday School (Room 101)
    9:30 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
    9:40 AM Children's Chorus rehearsal (Sanctuary)
   10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
   11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
Tuesday, April 4
   10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)
Wednesday, April 5
   10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
    5:15 PM Central Kids (Fellowship Hall)
    5:15 PM Middle School Youth (Room 5)
    6:30 PM Morgen Bell Rehearsal (Room 208)
    7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)
Thursday, April 6
    7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)
Friday, April 7
   12:00 PM Church Office Closed
    7:00 PM Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday, April 9
    9:00 AM Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
    9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt (South Lawn)
   10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
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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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