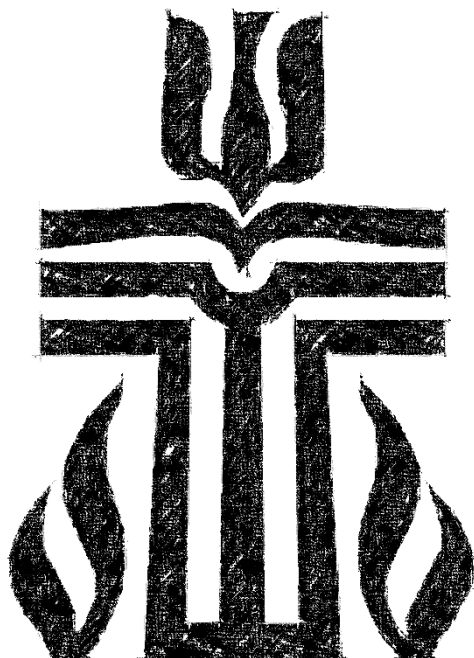

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024 | 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 scan the following



QR Code on your smart phone: **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.

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

Assisting in worship today:

Guest Preacher: Ian McMullen,
Pastor to the Presbyteries
of Prospect Hill, Des Moines,
North Central Iowa

Liturgist: Joan Middleton

Hosts: Ray & Barb Getting,
Bill Green, Kevin Klimowski

Crucifer: John Lowe

Children's Time: Medea Saunders

Music Directors: Rich Dewein,
Mary Pohlmann

Organist: Lois Harms

Music: Children's Chorus,
Chancel Choir

Audio & Editing: Ben Patzlaff

Video: Matt Van Winkle

The flowers in the chancel have been given by

Jason & Sarah Egge in honor of
Bob and Sheri Egge—
grandparents of Norah, Harper,
Alex, Natalie, Tadd, Cole, and
Loring; parents of Jason, Jeff,
and Kevin; and parents-in-law
of Sarah, Kate, and Ryle.

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: Ashley and Lynda Pitts.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Alice Jordan

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Robert A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of God surrounds us;

be glad, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

We celebrate the good things of life that God provides;

we give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God;

come, and listen for God's counsel and instruction.

We are here to encounter the One who made us;

we are open to the word God will speak.

God hears our cries and answers our pleas;

rejoice, O righteous, in God's justice and grace.

Surely God is our strength and our hope;

we will trust in the One who provides all things.

♦ HYMN 2

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us

and accept us in your service.

Give us courage and conviction,

that we may joyfully turn and follow you

into new adventures of faithful service,

led by the light that shines

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CANTICLE 288

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Medea Saunders

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 111

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible, OT p. 525–526

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Children's Chorus

Addie Puderbaugh and Tori LaPole, soloists

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

arr. Edwin O. Excell

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel of the Lord.

pew Bible, NT p. 30

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ian McMullen

Follow the Leader

♦ HYMN 39

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 ANTHEM

Psalm 150

Chancel Choir
John Harper

Alleluya, Alleluya,
Praise God in his holy place,
Praise him in his mighty heav'ns,
Praise him for his powerful deeds,
Praise his surpassing greatness.

Alleluya, Alleluya,
O praise him with sound of trumpet,
Praise him with lute and harp,
Praise him with timbrel and dance,
Praise him with strings and pipe.

Alleluya, Alleluya.
O praise him with resounding cymbals,
Praise him with clashing of cymbals,
Let everything that lives and
that breathes give praise to the Lord.
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.

♦ **DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

♦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

♦ **HYMN 65**

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

♦ **BENEDICTION**

♦ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

David Schack

Upcoming Events

Central Directory Update

Sundays, January 28 and February 4, 11:30 AM

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

As a 2024 initiative, Central will be offering three opportunities for families and individuals to have their photos taken as part of a project to update our church directory. These photos, taken in the **Sanctuary**, will be added to the online directory and can be digitally available to households as well. There will be no charge to have your photo taken.

Along with the photo opportunity, Central's Communications Director, Ben Patzlaff, will be offering an instructional walk-through on how to access and use the online directory, which will take place in the **Fellowship Hall**, and coincide on the same Sundays as the photo sessions. Contact Ben with any questions at bpatzlaff@dmcp.org.

Pastor out of Town

Wallace Bubar will be out of town from January 22-28. For pastoral care needs during this time, please notify the church office and contact The Rev. Don Elly at 515-419-1527 or donnelly@outlook.com. Our guest preacher on January 28 will be The Rev. Ian McMullen, who serves the Presbytery of Des Moines as Pastor to the Presbytery.

Adult Forum: "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM, Room #201

This winter and spring, we're asking, "Who is my neighbor?" in Adult Forum. Because we can't *love* our neighbors if we don't know who they are. So we have invited fifteen of our church's immediate neighbors in the Grand/Ingersoll Avenues corridor to be our guests. They will be sharing with us who they are and how they enrich life in our neighborhood. Next Sunday:



February 4, 2024

Oak Park Restaurant

Kathy Fehrman, Owner

Spirituality of Grief

Lunch and Program Led by Don Elly

Thursday, February 8, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

RSVP to the church office at 515-279-3658 or email Kimberly Sanford at ksanford@dmcp.org.

Lunch & Mission Presentation

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

In November, Central's own David Boyd went on a Presbytery-led mission delegation to the US-Mexico border, in partnership with Fronteras de Cristo, one of five Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries. David will share a slideshow and presentation about his recent experiences. His theme is "Let Us Cross to the Other Side" (Mark 4:35). The World & Community Concerns Committee is sponsoring the event. Lunch will be provided.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Two services will be offered, each including Scripture, music, prayer, contemplation, and the imposition of ashes. Join us as we begin the season of Lent together.

Community Conversations

Tuesday, February 20, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a program featuring Des Moines mayor and Central member Connie Boesen. Attendance requires an advanced reservation and optional catered lunch for \$15. Contact the church office to reserve your place: 515-279-3658 or office@dmcp.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 25, 11:15 AM, Sanctuary

Bible Study: The Book of Acts

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 201

Beginning **Wednesday, January 17**, join the Bible Study class as they study The Book of Acts, led by Don Elly. Join us in person or on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81369903809>, Meeting ID: 813 6990 3809.

Family Outing @Smash Park

Sunday, February 25, 4:00–6:00 PM, 6625 Coachlight Dr., WDM

Families are invited to a fun party at Smash Park on Sunday, February 25, from 4:00–6:00 PM. We have the Area Two Pickle Ball Court and Games, heavy snacks, and free non-alcoholic drinks, plus free Arcade games (except in the “Redemption Zone”). This is a great opportunity to spend a cold afternoon having fun with your church family and friends! Please join us!

Central Kids and Youth – February Events

Wednesdays, 5:15 PM

Join us each Wednesday evening in for Central Kids and Youth, including Children’s Chorus and RingTones rehearsals. Dinner will continue along with lesson plans, activities, and games. **Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday nights.** Contact Medea for more information at 515-279-3658 or msaunders@dmcp.org.

Activities planned for February include:

- **Sunday, February 4, 2:00-5:00 PM**, Youth Pool Party @ J. Middleton’s
- **Sunday, February 11, 10:15 AM**, Youth Souper Bowl of Caring
- **February 14, 7:00 PM**, Central Kids & Youth to attend Ash Wednesday service; and distribution of One Great Hour of Sharing "Fish" banks
- **Sunday, February 18, 6:00-7:30 PM**, Confirmation Class, Room 101
- **Sunday, February 25, 10:15 AM**, Children's Chorus, Worship Service; Family Night at Smash Park, **4:00-6:00 PM**

Knitting into the Mystery

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Room 112

Central’s knitting group is now meeting on a weekly basis for 2024. Knitters of all skill level and type are welcome and choir members are welcome to join before their rehearsal at 7:30 PM.

Fellowship Time Hosts

- February 4 – Sandy Dahl and Katie Waggett
- February 11 – World and Community Concerns Committee
- February 18 – Ann Conover and Jeri Kanellos
- February 25 – Selina Orman

This Week @ Central

Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 AM Adult Forum (Room 201)
- 9:40 AM Children's Chorus rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Central's Directory Update
 - *Photos will be taken for the directory (Sanctuary)*
 - *How to use Engage (Fellowship Hall)*

Tuesday, January 30

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)

Wednesday, January 31

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids & Youth
- 6:00 PM Children's Chorus (Room 4)
- 6:30 PM RingTones Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (Room 112)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Thursday, February 1

- 5:30 PM World & Community Concerns Committee (Room 201)

Friday, February 2

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 AM Adult Forum (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 11:30 AM Nominating Committee (Room 201)
- 11:30 AM Central's Directory Update
 - *Photos will be taken for the directory (Sanctuary)*
 - *How to use Engage (Fellowship Hall)*
- 2:00 PM Youth Pool Party @Joan Middleton's, 3920 Grand Ave.

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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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