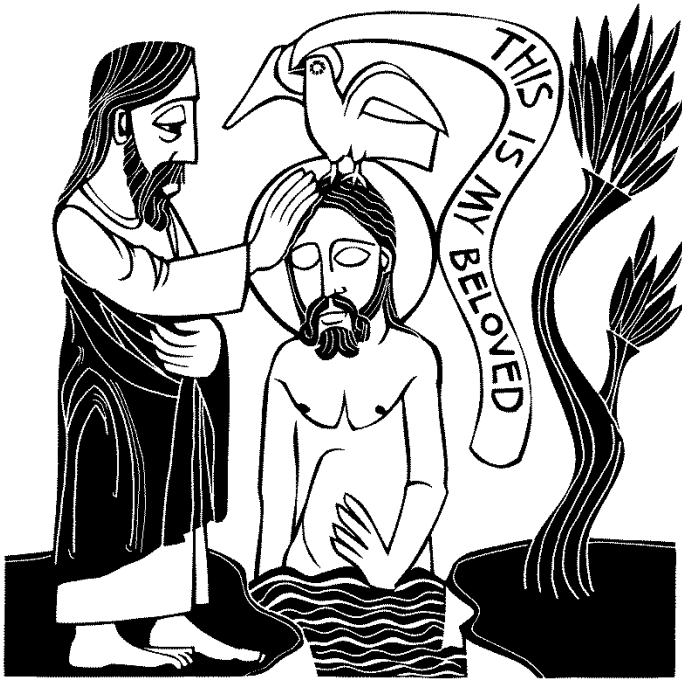


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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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January 7, 2024 | 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 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.

## **Assisting in worship today:**

*Liturgist:* Gary Modlin

*Hosts:* Tina Dahl, Joe & Kathy Haines, Susan Hemminger

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Communion preparation:*

Zoe Abrahamson, Jeff Green, Will Page

*Communion servers:* Carmen Goodwin, Dan LaPole, Selina Orman

*Children's Time:* Medea Saunders

*Music Director & Organist:*

Rich Dewein

*Music:* Chancel Choir

*Audio & Video:* Ben Patzlaff

## **The flowers in the chancel have been given by the**

Worship Committee in honor of Mary Jean Paschen for her many years of service as secretary.

**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 East Parlor.

*Hosted by:* Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier.

**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

*Il Est Né, le Divin Enfant*

Dale Wood

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

David Cherwien

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In water we grow, nestled securely in a mother's womb.

**Hold us, O God, in your grace.**

In water we wash away the dirt and grime of each day.

**Cleanse us, O God, with your forgiveness.**

In water we dive, plunging beneath its surface.

**Raise us, O God, to new and abundant life.**

In water we are baptized and marked as God's own.

**Claim us, O God, as your beloved children.**

### ◆ HYMN 156

SALZBURG

*Sing of God Made Manifest*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our Creator, at the baptism of Jesus

you proclaimed him your beloved Son

and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Make all who are baptized into Christ

faithful to our calling as disciples,

and empower us with your Spirit;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 1:1–5  
*pew Bible, OT p. 1*

## **ANTHEM**

*From a Distant Home*

Chancel Choir  
arr. by Eugene Butler

From a distant home the Savior we come seeking,  
using as our guide the star so brightly gleaming.

*Refrain:*

Lonely eastern star that tells us of God's morning,  
Heaven's wondrous light, O never cease your shining!  
Glory in the highest to the Son of Heaven,  
and upon the earth be peace and love to all.

Glowing gold I bring the New-born Babe so holy,  
Token of his pow'r to reign above in glory.

Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus,  
Token of the pain that He will bear to save us.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Mark 1:4–11  
*pew Bible, NT p. 30*

## **SERMON**

*All In*

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ **HYMN 482**

*Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

## RESPONSE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

### OFFERTORY

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Fred Bock

◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ **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 562**

Schubert

We pray in the name of the triune God. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

As you approach the servers, please extend your open cupped hands to receive the bread. Then take a cup of grape juice from the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the Narthex.

For those unable to come forward, prepackaged communion elements are available in the Narthex. Or you may sit in one of the designated pews at the front of the sanctuary, if you wish the servers to bring the elements to you.

## **PRAYER**

# **SENDING**

### ◆ **HYMN 490**

BEACH SPRING

*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

### ◆ **BENEDICTION**

### ◆ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Good Christians, All, Rejoice*

Charles Sergisson

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# Upcoming Events

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## 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:



January 14, 2024

North of Grand Neighborhood Association

Marshall James, Board Member

## Fellowship Time Hosts

We are in need of **volunteers** to provide After Worship treats! If you would like to sign up to bring treats there is a sign up sheet in the East Parlor or you can contact the church office at 515-279-3658 for more information.

- January 7 Paul Tavernier & Connie Klug
- January 14
- January 21 Selina Orman
- January 28
- February 4 Sandy Dahl and Katie Waggett
- February 11 World & Community Concerns Committee
- February 18 Ann Conover and Jeri Kanellos
- February 25
- March 3 John Fisher & Jann Freed
- March 10 Zoe Abrahamson and Barb Schmidt

## **Central Directory Update**

*Sunday's January 21, 28 and February 4, 11:30 AM, 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 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. This will coincide on the same Sundays as the photography offerings and will take place in Fellowship Hall. Contact Ben with any questions at [bpatzlaff@dmcpc.org](mailto:bpatzlaff@dmcpc.org).

## **Shelter Meal Help Needed**

Central provides the evening meal at Central Iowa Shelter and Services on the 13th of every month. Currently we are in need of volunteers to lead each month. We would ask when groups sign up that one person act as lead to organize the group. If you are willing to help, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CentralShelterMealVolunteers>. You can also email the church at [office@dmcpc.org](mailto:office@dmcpc.org) for more information.

## **Bible Study: The Book of Revelation**

*Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 201*

Led by Don Elly. You can join us in person or on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81369903809>, Meeting ID: 813 6990 3809.

## **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.



## **Central Kids**

*Wednesdays, 5:15 PM*

Central Kids will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 5:15 PM. We will be watching the movie “Wonder” and learning about kindness and compassion for the next few weeks.

## **Chancel Flowers**

We are so grateful to all of you who sign up to donate flowers for the Sanctuary each week. Their colors liven up our worship space. The listing printed in the bulletin gives us an opportunity to remember beloved family members or to celebrate joyful occasions. And when the deacons deliver the flowers after the service to members who are sick or homebound, it brings them a lot of joy and a sense of connection with their church family.

We are now putting together the schedule for flowers for the 2024 program year. Our goal is to find a donor for each available Sunday. If you plan to reserve one of the remaining dates, we would be grateful if you would mail a check to the church office (\$50/Sunday), made payable to Central Presbyterian Church, with “flowers” on the memo line. Be sure to call or email Kimberly Sanford, [ksanford@dmcpc.org](mailto:ksanford@dmcpc.org), to let us know who you would like to honor with your floral dedication or you may also call the church office at 515-279-3658.

- February 18 or 25
- March 31
- April 21
- May 19
- June 30
- July 21
- August 18
- September 29

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# This Week @ Central

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## **Sunday, January 7**

- 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)
- 6:00 PM Confirmation (Room 101)

## **Monday, January 8**

- 6:00 PM Deacons (Room 201)

## **Tuesday, January 9**

- 7:30 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 201)
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 112)
- 5:00 PM Communications Committee (Room 201)

## **Wednesday, January 10**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 4:15 PM Worship Committee (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 5:15 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 201)
- 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, January 11**

- 7:30 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 201)

## **Friday, January 12**

- 12:00 PM Church Office Closes

## **Saturday, January 13**

- 5:30 PM Shelter Meal (CISS)

## **Sunday, January 14**

- 9:00 AM Adult Forum (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship Time (East Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Confirmation (Room 101)

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**The Rev. Medea Saunders**  
*Director of Children's, Youth  
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**The Rev. Don Elly**  
*Parish Associate*

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*Communications Director*

**Rich Dewein**  
*Music Director*

**Lois Harms**  
*Organist*

**Mary Pohlmann**  
*Children's Music Director*

**Beth Triebel**  
*The RingTones Director*

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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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