
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025 | 10:15 AM



Temptation in the Wilderness
Briton Rivière



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 from **9:00–11:30 AM**. The nursery is 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:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Gary Hanson,
Executive Director,
CROSS Outreach

Liturgist: John Fisher

Crucifer: John Lowe

Hosts: Joe & Kathy Haines,
Karen Henderson, Brian Kramer

Music Directors: Rich Dewein,
and Mary Pohlmann

Organist: Lois Harms

Children's Time: Garrison Hazen

Music: Chancel Choir and
Children's Chorus

Audio: Kevin Klimowski

Video: Jann Freed

Editing: Matt Van Winkle

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

Bill & Jackie Romp in honor of
their Central Presbyterian
Church family.

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:* Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier.

Be sure to silence all cell phones.

♦ = All who are able, please stand.

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J.S. Bach

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Dietrich Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.**

For God will protect us from evil
and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**God rescues those who love God
and is present with us in trouble.**

God answers when we cry out
and reveals our salvation to us.

Let us worship God!

◆ HYMN 166

ST. FLAVIAN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God,
you heard the cries of your people
and rescued them from the hand of their oppressors.
You cared for them in the wilderness.
In the life of Christ,
you experienced that wilderness yourself.
As we journey through our own wilderness,
we give thanks that your Spirit sustains us
and your love guides us. Amen.

◆ **KYRIE 551**

LAND OF REST

Lord, Have Mercy

◆ **GREETING**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Is My Commandment

Children's Chorus
Douglas E. Wagner

This is my commandment,
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment,
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full,
that your joy may be full.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Garrison Hazen
Sunday School will follow, after Children's Time
Ages K–Grade 5, Room 102

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 26:1–11
pew Bible, OT p. 168–169

ANTHEM

Jesu, Blessed Jesu

Chancel Choir
Gordon Young

Jesu, blessed Jesu who died there for me,
Jesu, blessed Jesu upon that dark tree.
Savior, blessed Savior who died in my place,
do have mercy, do have mercy, and grant me Thy grace.

Jesu, blessed Jesu who suffered for me,
Jesu, blessed Jesu upon Calvary.
Savior, blessed Savior who stood in my place,
do have mercy, do have mercy, and grant us Thy grace. Amen

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:1–13
pew Bible, NT p. 53

SERMON

The Stories We Tell

Gary Hanson

♦ HYMN 167

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

RESPONSE**ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Michael Burkhardt

◆ DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

◆ HYMN 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

Upcoming Events

Foundation Update

This season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect and offer our gratitude for the many gifts we have received. We can be grateful for the dedication and generosity of those who have given their financial resources to create and build the *Central Presbyterian Church Foundation*. Last year alone, the Foundation donated over \$182,000 to our church, including \$69,000 to repair our parking lots. Let us offer our thanks for the many gifts these generous people have given us. Please consider the *Central Presbyterian Church Foundation* in your giving, today or in your estate plan. For your gifts, present and future members of this community will thank you for many years to come.

Listening for God—Resumes Next Week

Sunday, March 16, 9:00 AM, Room 201

This week's Sunday book study on *Listening for God* is cancelled as **Pastor Sarai Rice** is away this week. Class will resume its regular schedule next Sunday, March 16th.

One Great Hour of Sharing—Fish Boxes

This year we are trying to “grow” the biggest (heaviest) fish. To participate, all one needs to do is set their “fish” in a prominent place, where they will not forget to “feed” it, and place spare change (fish food) in the fish every day. **Children and Youth will receive their fish banks on**

Wednesday, March 12. Extra boxes will be available in the Narthex on a first-come, first-served basis. When we turn in the banks on **Palm Sunday, April 13,** we will see who has “caught” the biggest, heaviest fish. Please join us in participating in this fun way of contributing to our important annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our Presbyterian Hunger Program, and our Self Development of People program. Boxes will be provided to the Children and Youth during their Wednesday evening program.

 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Fish Boxes!



Mourndy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th - 7:00 PM

Communion Service
In-Person Only

Good Friday

Friday, April 18th- 7:00 PM

Service of Tenebrae
In-Person Only



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VBS Day Camp

Monday–Friday, June 23–27, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join us on June 23-27th for a week full of fun and faith at this year's Central Presbyterian Day Camp as we team up Heartland Camps to bring a week of AWESOME adventures to our church and community! Registration will be open for just Central Presbyterian

members throughout the month of **March** and will be available to the public from **April to June**. The cost will be \$75/per camper and will go from 9am-4pm Mon-Friday. Get your registration in fast as only 36 spots are available. Find more information and register at heartlandcamps.org/dmcpc or contact ghazen@dmcpc.org and 515-279-3658.



HE IS
Risen

Easter Sunday

Continental Easter Breakfast
9:15 AM - East Parlor

Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 AM - South Lawn

Easter Service
10:15 AM - Sanctuary

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This Week @ Central

Sunday, March 9

- 9:30 AM Children's Chorus rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Worship Service with Children's Chorus (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Sunday School—K through 5th Grade (Room 102)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

Monday, March 10

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Deacons (Room 201)

Tuesday, March 11

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 101)
- 2:00 PM Memorial Service —Mary Lou Aspengren (Sanctuary)
with Reception to follow
- 5:00 PM Marketing & Communications Committee (Room 201)
- 6:30 PM Christian Education Committee (Room 201)

Wednesday, March 12

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Genesis Bible Study (Room 201)
- 11:30 AM Staff Lunch (Bubba's)
- 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells rehearsal (Room 208)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids, Middle & High School Youth (F. Hall)
- 6:00 PM Children's Chorus (Room 4)
- 6:30 PM RingTones rehearsal (Room 208)
- 6:30 PM Knitting into the Mystery (Room 112)
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

Thursday, March 13

- 8:00 AM Business & Finance Committee (Room 201)
- 5:30 PM Shelter Meal (CISS)

Friday, March 14

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cownie Chapel)

Saturday, March 15

- 9:00 AM OA (Room 201)

Sunday, March 16

- 9:00 AM Adult Education: Listening for God (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Sunday School—K through 5th Grade (Room 102)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

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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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