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WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME Rev. Dan Kish

MISSION MOMENT Kevin VanWagner

CALL TO WORSHIP Donald Dowdy

^HYMN #656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Donald Dowdy

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH-The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Those who are able, please stand

^ GLORIA PATRI – “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”

^ PRAISE SONG “Speak, O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

^ UNISON READING John 15:12-15 Donald Dowdy

“¹² This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dan Kish

THE LORD'S PRAYER “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.”

OFFERTORY

^DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, All creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:7-13 Pew Bible pg#1160

SERMON “The Gospel Revealed” Rev. Dan Kish

^HYMN #456 “How Firm A Foundation”

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

BENEDICTION

^ RESPONSE “Go with Us, Lord”

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE

First Time Visitors: If you have an elementary aged child who would like to join us in children's worship, please fill out this brief form so we have your contact info in case of emergency. You only need to do this at your first visit to Central. Thank you.





The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Glenn & Deborah Smith in honor of their grand-daughter, Lexi Smith's High School Graduation

We would love for you to join us after worship in the lobby for Coffee Moments. **Today's hosts: Jeff & Stephanie Skinner**



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE	YTD Budget Needs \$ 475,559.40
Weekly Budget Needs: \$ 23,777.97	YTD Income \$ 411,172.33
Offering Received 5-17-2026 \$ 6,900.00	YTD Expenses \$ 398,421.59

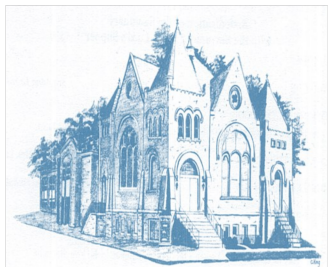
RESTORATION / RENOVATION

Goal	Donations Received	Expenses to date
\$ 681,322.16	\$ 633,679.09	\$565,900.09

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Felicia, Chris, Lucy, Heylon, Sepi, Vickie, Thomas, Phil Adderley, Deb Adkisson, Mindy Anderson, Willis Atwater, David Barnes, Karrie Beestow, Katherine Berger, Brad Bradshaw's family in the loss of his mother, Barry Broom, Dan Brown, Peggy Carroll, Virginia Chmely, Libby Chou, Kathy & Bill Clegg, Wesley Cole, Jeff & Judge Colvin, Creekmore's daughter (Maddy), Becky & Ron Crosby, Bill Crump, Jamie Cummings, Milton Cummings, Nancy Cummings, Kate Daniel, Corine Davis, Susan Davis, Samantha Downs, Sam & Lucia Eidt, Katy Elliott, Claudia Fahrner, Phil Freeze, Vala Fukuzawa, Paula Gattis, Ross and Harriet Grable, Charles Gough, Frank Harbin, Susan Hea, Virginia Heater, Helena Hirschlein, Tara Hunt & Family, Kish family, Katherine Lackey, Ruth Lafans, Nancy Lee, Regina Ligon, Mackey Family, Carol Marren, Linda Martin, Rich McDonald, Michele MacQuinn, Amy Mulvaney, Helen Mulvaney, Tanya Nichols, Dex Nilsson, Marianne Quackenbush, Pavlik Family, Carina Phillips, Carmen Phillips, Gary Rapp, Marie & Jim Rich, Charlotte Richardson, Matthew Richardson, Nik Rincon, Abe Rush, Sandy Russell, Judith Sabin, Mary Ellen Sandridge, Cynthia Shady, Shep Shady, Benson Skelton, Susan Skelton, Richard Taylor, Christy Thompson, Ray & Sylvia Townsley, Amanda Trippe, safety and security of U.S. Military, Audrey & Larry Vanderhoff, Otis and Betty Vaughn, Ed Vaznelis, Jane Walker, Gates Ward, Weber Family, Marietta Webster, Keith Williamson, John Wilson and family, George Worley, John Worley, Linda Yates, Sean Young, Joseph Zollinger, Missionaries, the leaders of our church, the church staff, college students, and the Sunday School teachers. *If you have a prayer request or an update, please email or call the church office.*

STAFF

Rev. Dan Kish—Senior Pastor
Michelle Bauer—Director of Hawthorne Conservatory
Jeremy Gaines—Director of Music Ministries
Annie Sentell—Interim Student Ministries Coordinator
Meagan Kish—Director of Children's Ministries
Robert Lubin—Organist
Torie McMillan—Children's Ministry Assistant
Libby Rankin—Bookkeeper
Katelyn Smith—Director of Preschool
Lisa Harris—Administrative Assistant



THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

- Sun May 24 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 REGULAR Church Service
- Mon May 25 Memorial Day Holiday—Church Offices closed
- Tue May 26 9:00 VBS
Birthday—Jeremy Gaines
- Wed May 27 9:00 VBS
6:00 Session Meeting
No Choir
Birthday—Diane Hatcher
- Thu May 28 9:00 VBS
Birthday—Jean Langley, James A. Smith
- Fri May 29 9:00 VBS
Youth going to lunch after VBS
- Sat May 30 Birthday—Anna Kish
- Sun May 31 9:30 Sunday School
10:30 VBS Sunday Church Service
Sunday Funday Congregational luncheon!
Birthday—Deborah Taylor

SESSION

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
David Cummings	Carleton Smith	Jennifer Cash
Bo Emerson	Brian Spear	Jim Malingowski
Sarah Rich	Mary E. Comulada	Ben McArthur

Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick. And the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5: 14-15

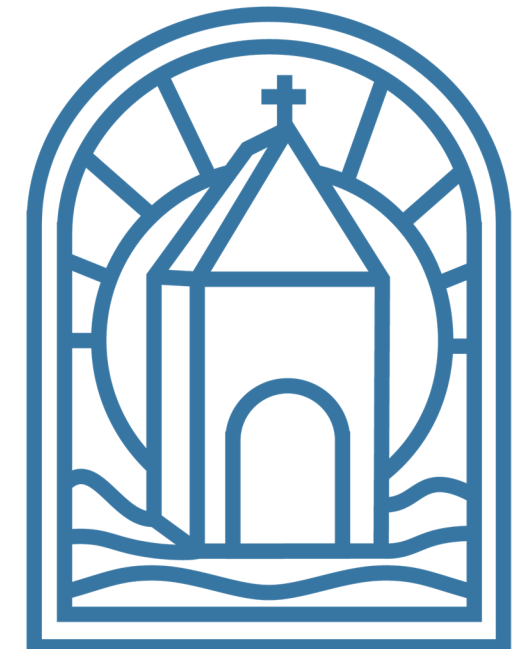
DEACONS

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Cynthia Lill	Stephanie Crossley	Jody Bridges
Jeff Skinner	Emma Goebel	Stephanie Sandwell
Jody Creekmore	Christy Heater	Glenn Smith

TRUSTEES

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
John Newton	Bill Collins	Fred Coffey

CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 24, 2026

"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1



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