

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church, where we come together to **celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This congregation opens wide its doors and hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Guest Minister**                      **Secretary**  
Rev. Cameron Highsmith      Justine Anton

**Nursery Attendants**  
Laura & Zac Cosner

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### Session

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Kay Cromwell	Zac Cosner
Mike Kelley	George Mosley
Lynda Vick	Brad VonTungeln
Karen Perdue	Logan Mosley

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

Zac Cosner	Budget & Finance
Zac Cosner	Fellowship & Nurture
Kay Cromwell	Missions & Outreach
George Mosley	Building & Grounds
Logan Mosley	Education
Lynda Vick	Worship & Music

## Announcements

CPC now has a Podcast! Head to our website [centralprespb.com](http://centralprespb.com) to listen and subscribe!

If you see any maintenance issues around the church, please add them to the Men's Group Job Jar on the Bulletin Board in MacElyea Hall.

The Women's Circle resume meeting in September.

We will have limited coverage in the office during the week for the foreseeable future. If you need assistance please contact us via email or message us on social media. Voicemails will be checked on Fridays. Email: [office@centralprespb.com](mailto:office@centralprespb.com)

Thursday Night Bible Study is taking a break but will resume in the near future.

We are looking for an organist. If you know of someone who would be a good fit, please let Lynda Vick know.

### Upcoming events

**September 28-30**  
**Jr. High Youthquake**

**October**  
**Trunk or Treat**

**Tuesday, December 11**  
**Presbyterian Women's Dinner at Margland**

More details as the dates are closer.

**Sunday School 9:30 am**

**Young Adults Sunday School 9:30 am**

**Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**Sunday, August 19, 2018**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lynda: Praise be to God!

**All: We thank God with all our heart!**

Lynda: In the company of those who do right, in the congregation,

**All: All the works of God are magnificent!**

Lynda: They are treasured by all who desire them!

**All: God sent redemption for the people!**

Lynda: God commanded the covenant last forever!

**All: Holy and awesome is God's name! Let us worship God!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #840 Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, You Love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin. So that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;**

**(Silent Prayer)**

**Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **KYRIE ELEISON** "Lord, Have Mercy"

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Lynda: Hear the Good News! Christ came to this world to show us how to live. In Holy Life, Christ showed us the way to salvation. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

\***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### **ANTHEM**

**"We Will Keep Our Faith Alive"**

### **TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES**

*Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.*

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NRSV)

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **SERMON**

"Rules and Advice."

**Rev. Cameron Highsmith**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

#### **\*HYMN #175** Seek Ye First

#### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

\***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #606*

#### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\***RECESSIONAL HYMN #39** Great is Thy Faithfulness

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **\*\*POSTLUDE**

#### **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

*Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.*

**Those who are able, please stand.**

**\*\* Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

**Ushers: Jacob Vick**

**Lay Reader: Lynda Vick**



## Scripture

### **Proverbs 9:1-6 (NRSV)**

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity,<sup>[a]</sup> and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

### **Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)**

- <sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil.  
<sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.  
<sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,  
<sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,  
<sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Anthem

### **We Will Keep Our Faith Alive!**

Gathered here within this place,  
We can share in God's redeeming grace.  
There's no room for doubt or fear; we can feel His presence here.  
As we face each passing day, we will serve and honor and obey;  
And if hope should start to dim, we will know our trust is in Him.  
And we will keep our faith alive. God will always be our guide.  
Through the darkest night, we will see God's light.  
We will keep our faith alive!

We will live as God has planned though  
At times we may not understand.  
Many things we may not see,  
But our faith will help us believe.  
From His word we learn the truth;  
Through His love we all are born a new.  
With His help we will not fall for we know our God will prevail.  
And we will keep our faith alive, God will always be our guide.  
Through the darkest night, we will see God's light.  
We will keep our faith alive!

When we share the love He gives,  
All the world will know that we are His.  
In God's name we stand as one, and through us,  
His work will be done!  
And we will keep our faith alive, God will always be our guide.  
Through the darkest night, we will see God's light.  
We will keep our faith alive!  
We will stand as one 'til His work is done.  
We will keep our faith alive!