

Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church

Church Mission Statement

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others.

Church Membership

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. New members will be received upon baptism and profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.

Trunk or Treat

Our annual "Trunk or Treat" event was a huge success again this year!!

We had a large participation from the community & enjoyed seeing all of the children in their costumes! Thank you to each of you for your support of this event.



Upcoming Events

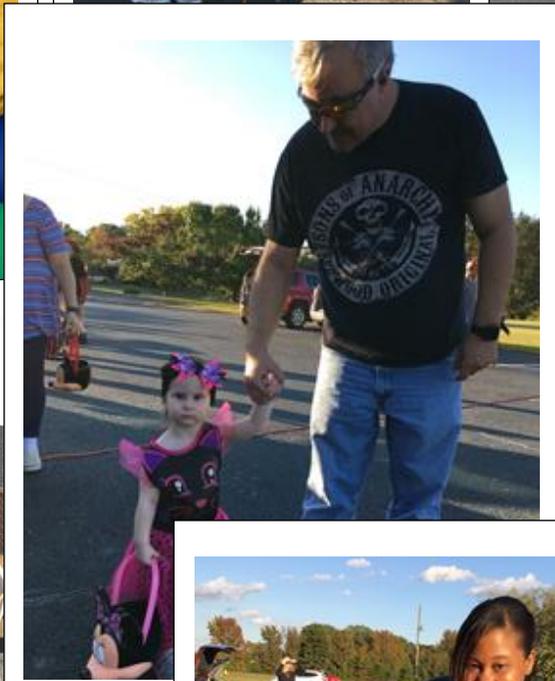
November 17th

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Sunday School 9:45 AM

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm



“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

John Fawcett (1739-1817), a dissenting Baptist clergyman in England, gave us one of the most beloved farewell hymns of all time. Fawcett’s parish in Wainsgate, described by hymnologist Albert Bailey as “a straggling group of houses on the top of a barren hill,” may have been typical for many rural pastors in the 18th century.

Fawcett, orphaned at 12, was “bound out” to a tailor in Bradford where he worked long hours. He learned to read and eventually mastered Pilgrim’s Progress, the devotional classic by John Bunyan.

Fawcett was converted under the powerful preaching of George Whitefield while the evangelist delivered a message to 20,000 people in an open field. It is said that upon telling Whitefield he wanted to preach, the evangelist gave Fawcett his blessing.

Mr. Bailey describes Fawcett’s congregation at Wainsgate: “The people were all farmers and shepherds, poor as Job’s turkey; an uncouth lot whose speech one could hardly understand, unable to read or write; most of them pagans cursed with vice and ignorance and wild tempers. The Established Church had never touched them; only the humble Baptists had sent an itinerant preacher there and he had made a good beginning.”

John and Mary Fawcett went to live there in 1765 following his ordination. By engaging families house-to-house, he built a congregation that grew to the point that a gallery had to be added to the modest meetinghouse. With the addition of four children to the family, a modest salary that was supplemented by parishioners’ donations of wool and potatoes was barely adequate, especially during the long winters.

The story is told that a prestigious parish with more financial resources in London, Carter’s Lane Baptist Church, extended a call. It is at this point that it becomes difficult to separate fact from apocryphal imagination.

Mr. Bailey, a vivid storyteller, sets the scene: “[John] and Mary decided to accept. The announcement was made to the church, and the farewell sermon was preached, the bulky items of his furniture and some of his older books were sold and the day of departure arrived. The two-wheeled cart came for the rest of his belongings, and likewise came the parishioners to say good-by.”

The crowd was despondent and in tears. According to Mr. Bailey, Mary is quoted as saying, “I can’t stand it, John! I know not how to go.” John responded, “Lord help me Mary, nor can I stand it! We will unload the wagon. . . . [To the crowd], We’ve changed our minds! We are going to stay!” Mr. Bailey describes a scene of pandemonium as the crowd broke out in joyful acclamations.

It was the practice of many ministers to write hymns on the theme of the day to be sung at the conclusion of the sermon. This hymn was included under the title of “Brotherly Love” in Fawcett’s Hymns Adapted to the Circumstances of Public Worship and Private Devotion (1782). UM Hymnal editor Carlton Young notes that the “collection contained 166 hymns, most of them to be sung as a congregational response to the sermon.”

We do know that John Fawcett remained in Wainsgate for 54 years and nearby Hebden Bridge. We do not know if this hymn was written in conjunction with his decision to remain in Wainsgate, but its language connects well with congregations, identifying with the struggles of life and our unity in Christ.

No doubt this hymn has been tearfully sung by more Christians upon parting than any other hymn.

Fawcett developed a school for the area children by adding on to his home. He was known as an educator and scholar, as well as a fine preacher.

In 1811 Fawcett published his Devotional Commentary on the Holy Scriptures and was also honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

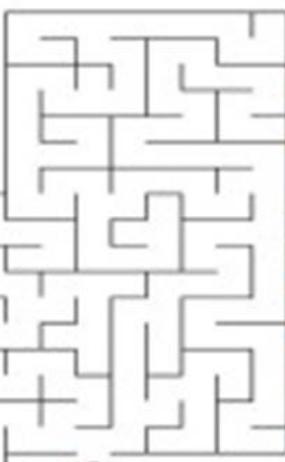
Dr. Hawn is professor of sacred music at Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the body. And be **THANKFUL**." Colossians 3:15 ESV

I AM **THANKFUL** for:

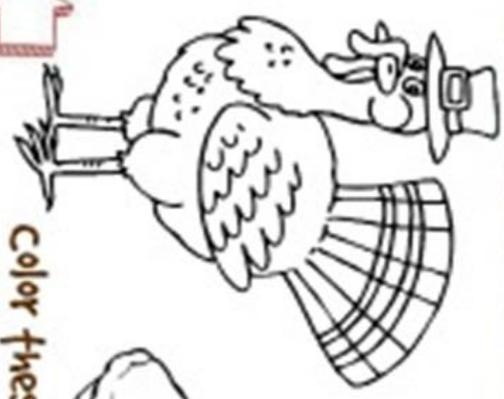
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- Corn
- Gravy
- Pumpkin
- Squash
- Stuffing
- Turkey

Tic Tac Toe





Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help decorate the church for the Advent season. We will decorate the morning of Saturday, December 1st. Time to be announced soon.

Upcoming Events

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Choir News

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to see included in the Worship Service, please tell Laura Cosner.

Do you know someone who knows how to play the organ? The Choir is in search of an Organist who is available to play on Sunday mornings and at choir practice on Wednesday Nights. Contact Lynda Vick if you or someone you know is interested.

Central Women News

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December issue of Central Scene is November 22, 2018. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at office@centralprespb.com.

Lectionary Readings for November 2018

November 4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 26	November 11 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 27	November 18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 28	Christ the King (or Reign of Christ)— November 25
Ruth 1:1–18	Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17	1 Samuel 1:4–20	2 Samuel 23:1–7
Psalm 146	Psalm 127	Psalm 16	Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)
Hebrews 9:11–14	Hebrews 9:24–28	Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25	Revelation 1:4b–8
Mark 12:28–34	Mark 12:38–44	Mark 13:1–8	John 18:33–37

Revelation 1:4-8 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 Choir Practice 6:30pm	8	9	10
11	12 Women's Circle Meeting	13	14 Choir Practice 6:30pm	15	16	17 The Annual Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale
18 Fellowship Luncheon / Session Meeting	19	20	21 Choir Practice 6:30pm	22	23	24
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05	<i>Jayce Neal</i>	12	<i>Jane Judkins</i>
06	<i>Rose VonTungeln</i>	14	<i>Marie Carmody Perdue</i>
07	<i>Pat Drewett</i>	16	<i>Marie Bennett</i>
08	<i>Jimmy Horn</i>	21	<i>Scout Cromwell</i>
11	<i>Jay Cromwell</i>	25	<i>Allison Cromwell</i>

If you or a family member has been omitted or would like to be added to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the church office.