Central Presbyterian Church

47 Second Street NE, Massillon Ohio 44646
Founded 1831 - Organized 1851

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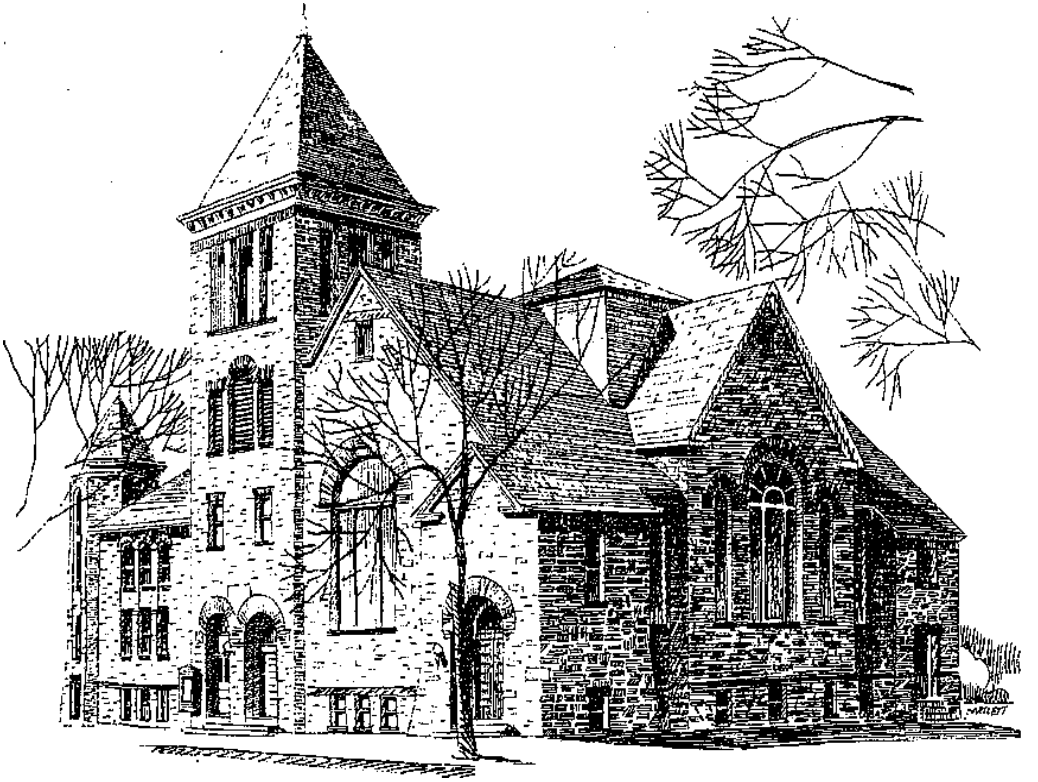

In Ministry Together

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Gathering

Welcome

Announcements (see page 4)

Prelude "Lead On, O King Eternal" Ham

* Call to Worship *Feasting on the Word*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

* Gathering Prayer *Feasting on the Word*

By your Spirit, O God, still our restless spirits and unstop our ears. Let us hear your Word, that it may be at work in us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

* Hymn No. 326 "For All the Saints" GTG Hymnal

Children's Chat

Prayer of Humility (**Unison**) *Feasting on the Word*

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

Assuring Forgiveness *Feasting on the Word*

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God has made a way where there was no way. In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace. Believe the gospel:

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Congregational Response No. 583 GTG Hymnal

* Sharing Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: In response to God's forgiving us, let us forgive and be at peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to share the forgiveness, love, and peace received from God with others around you by saying, "Peace be with you."

Listening

God attends to our joys and concerns while we share what's on our hearts and minds in the Prayers of the People. We respond by listening to God's Word in scripture and sermon. We continue to praise God in song.

Attending Prayer *Feasting on the Word*

Most astounding God, you lead us through deserts Josh. and grant us safe crossings. You save us from trouble and deliver us from distress. You satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst with righteousness and mercy. When we lose our way, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us with love. All honor and glory are yours, our master, our teacher, our friend. **Amen.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer "Calm to the Waves" Pavlechko

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Remembering the Saints

* Apostles' Creed

Scripture 1 Samuel 2:1–10 NRSVUE

Anthem "Shall We Gather at the River" Lantz

Scripture Philippians 2:1–11 NRSVUE

Message "Grateful Enough to Let Go"

* Hymn No. 697 "Take My Life" GTG Hymnal
(Verses 1-3 Only)

Communion (See Insert)

Responding

We respond to the love, forgiveness, and guidance we receive in worship by serving God and one another through the ministries of the congregation. We offer our resources and our lives to God's work.

Invitation to the Offering *Feasting on the Word*

Let God's Word be at work within you, offering gifts with glad and joyful hearts.

Offertory "Allegro Moderato" Handel

* Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving *Feasting on the Word*

Giver of all good gifts, how can we thank you for your never-ending love? Even our very lives are not enough. Accept these offerings as tokens of our gratitude and signs of our hope in the realm you have promised, the kingdom for which we wait. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

* Hymn No. 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" GTG Hymnal
(Verses 1 & 2 Only)

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" Handel

* Please rise in spirit or stature.

Worship team: Rev. Megan Bejamin, Liz Sibert, Leigh Conti, Tech Team

Work of the Church (Announcements)

Winter Wonderland: Nov 21st 1:00-4:30pm. Volunteers needed. Sign-up in Narthex.

Winter Clothing Drive: Nov. 1st-22nd. Accepting new socks, gloves, scarves and new or gently used coats, sweaters & blankets. Drop off in Narthex.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a brief congregational meeting **TODAY** after worship. Please plan to attend.

The Central Connection: If you would like to be included on distribution list please contact Autumn Boettner.

Benjamin Housewarming: Please join us Nov. 8th from 2-4pm.
Flowers: Were given by Carolyn Staver in remembrance of Jean Mummertz.
The Week Ahead:

Monday.....	1:00pm.....	Quilters
	7:00pm.....	Men's Group
Wednesday.....	5:30pm-7:00pm.....	Door Ministry
	6:00pm.....	Bells Rehearsal
	7:30pm.....	Choir Rehearsal
Tues & Thurs.....	9:30am-11:30am.....	Door Ministry
Thurs-Saturday.....	Various.....	Grace Heritage Conference

VANCO

Online Giving

$$ Cash Crew November $$
Don Wesley
Per Capita 2027
$41.80

Grateful Enough to Let Go"
Philippians 2:1–11 (NRSVUE)
November 1, 2026

Sermon Notes

1. Let go of the need to _____.
2. Let go of the need to be _____.
3. Let go of the need to _____.

Questions for Reflection

1. Clenched fists: What are some things we tend to hold onto too tightly in life? Why can letting go feel so difficult?

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2. Where do you find yourself prioritizing your own preferences, opinions, or needs over those of others? How might gratitude change your perspective?

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3. When life doesn't go according to plan, what helps you trust God? What makes that trust difficult?

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4. Following Jesus' example: Philippians describes Jesus emptying himself and taking the form of a servant. What might humility and self-giving love look like in your everyday relationships or in our church community?

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5. Why is it sometimes hard to serve without receiving credit or appreciation? How can gratitude free us from the need for recognition?

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Philippians 2:1-11

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compassion
glory
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obedient
spirit
bow
encouragement
humility
love
servant
united
comfort
exalted
Jesus
mindset
sharing
value