Central Presbyterian Church

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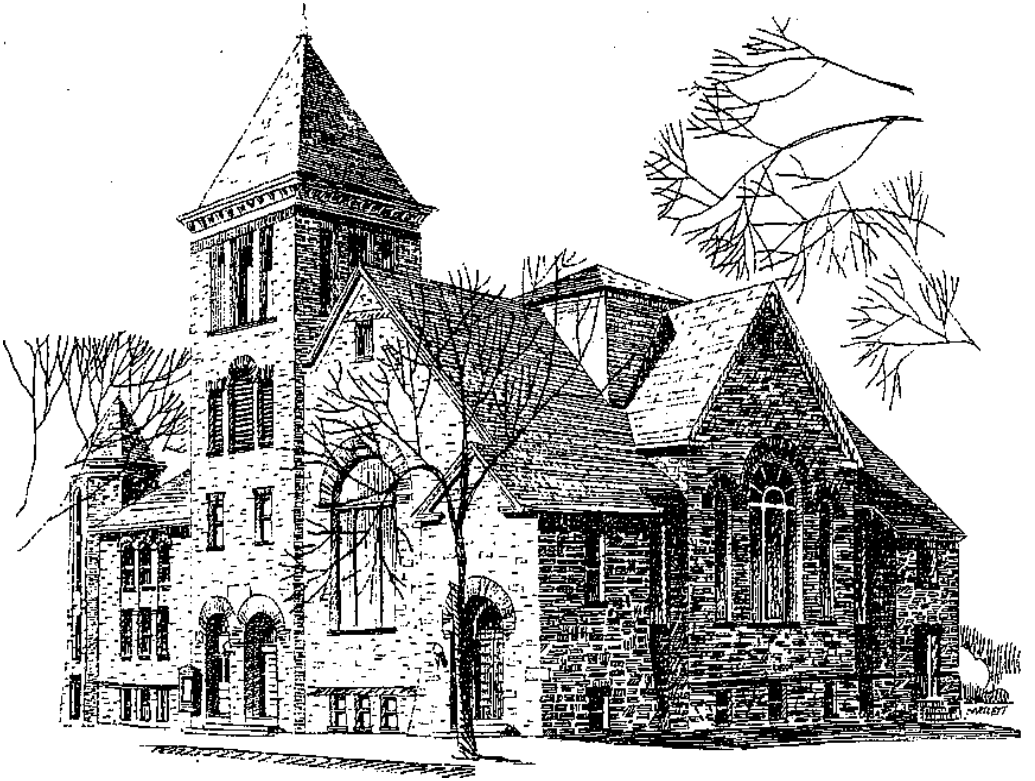

In Ministry Together

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Gathering

Welcome

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Austin

* Call to Worship *Presbyterian Outlook*

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

People: for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Leader: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

People: that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,

People: Amen. Praise the Lord!

* Gathering Prayer *Presbyterian Outlook*

Dear God, your Word itself tells us that you inspire all Scripture, that everyone who belongs to you may be equipped for every good work. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, inspire us through your Holy Spirit that we may be ready to worship you and serve others with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

* Hymn No. 475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" GTG Hymnal

Children's Chat

Prayer of Humility (**Unison**) *Presbyterian Outlook*

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assuring Forgiveness *Presbyterian Outlook*

Leader: Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

* 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*

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. **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.

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14 NRSVUE

Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" Rutter

Scripture Exodus 32:1-14 NRSVUE

Message "What's Taking So Long?"

Ordination and Installation (See Insert)

* Hymn No. 819 "Be Still My Soul" GTG Hymnal

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.

Work of the Church (Announcements)

Committee Reports: Please submit your reports by Wed. October 14th.

Study on Poverty: Thursday's at 7pm here at CPC. Using the book "What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty" (book not required). Sign up in the Narthex. (No class this week).

Pumpkin Painting: After worship on Oct. 18th. Bring your own pumpkin!

Birthday Celebrations: From 1130-12:15 today in Bickel Hall.

Coffee & Conversations: For those that want to discuss the sermon in more depth.

Men's Group: Meets Monday's at 7pm in the Westminster room.

Family Living Center Fundraiser: Pumpkin cutout cookies & angel food cakes will be sold to raise funds for Christmas gifts to the family living center. Order forms are in the Narthex.

Flowers: Were given by Char Bickel in remembrance of husband Randy.

Invitation to the Offering *Presbyterian Outlook*

Because God so loved the world, God gave the ultimate gift in Jesus Christ. In gratitude for this boundless grace, let us bring our tithes and offerings to support the work of God's church, both in our local community and around the world.

Offertory "Fugue in G" Bach

* Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving *Presbyterian Outlook*

Bountiful God, all that we can offer comes from your generosity. May these gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. We thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to us and the world. **Amen**

* Hymn No. 39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" GTG Hymnal

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Toccata" Gigout

* Please rise in spirit or stature.

Worship team: Rev. Megan Bejamin, Rachael Fleischaker, Leigh Conti, Tech Team

The Week Ahead:

Monday.....	1:00pm.....	Quilters
	7:00pm.....	Men's Group
Tuesday.....	6:30pm.....	Stewardship & Finance
	6:30pm.....	Trustees
Wednesday.....	11:00am.....	Hope Rebekah Circle
	5:30pm-7:00pm.....	Door Ministry
	7:30pm.....	Choir Rehearsal
Tues & Thurs.....	9:30am-11:30am.....	Door Ministry
Thursday.....	5:30pm.....	Faith & Nurture
	6:30pm.....	Session

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Liz Sibert
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"What's Taking So Long?"
Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSVUE)
October 11, 2026

Sermon Notes

1. When we can't tolerate _____, we try to create _____.
2. The temptation is to become a _____.
3. Faith is building our _____.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where in my life am I struggling with uncertainty right now?

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2. What might be a "golden calf" in my life?

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3. Who am I trying to please? Is there a situation where I am more concerned about disappointing people than being faithful to God?

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Exodus 32:1-14 NRSVUE

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Abraham
Calf
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Moses
Mountains
Offerings
Sacrifices