Central Presbyterian Church

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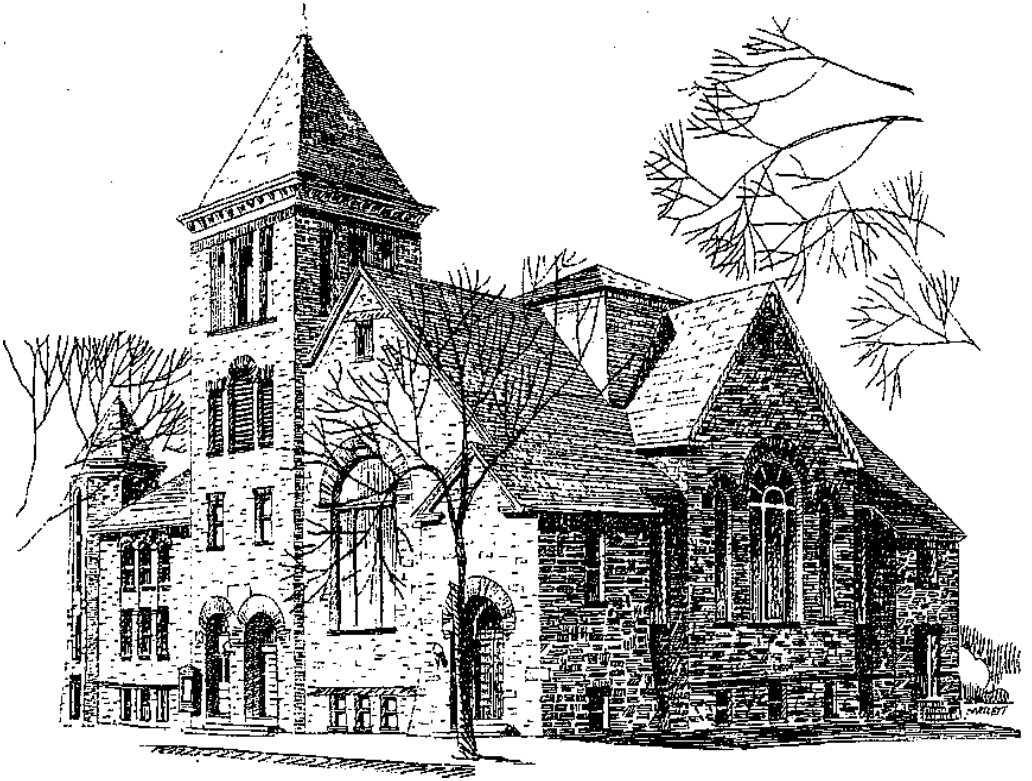

In Ministry Together

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Gathering

Welcome

Announcements (see page 4)

Prelude "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" Bock

* Call to Worship *Presbyterian Outlook*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

* Gathering Prayer *Presbyterian Outlook*

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. **Amen.**

* Hymn No. 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" GTG Hymnal

Baptism (See Insert)

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

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer … Amen.

Assuring Forgiveness *Presbyterian Outlook*

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

* 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*

Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious, that we may be courageous to do your will, through Christ, who calls us by name. **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 22:15-22 NRSVUE	
Anthem	"Ain'a That Good News"	Dawson
Scripture	Exodus 33:12-23 NRSVUE	
Message	"If You Don't Go With Us"	
* Hymn No. 735	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	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.

Invitation to the Offering *Presbyterian Outlook*

We give back in gratitude for all we have been given. All around us are the wonders of God's love and grace. Tucked within us are gifts to be shared, our talents, our interests, our love and service to others. As we come to the time of offering, we are invited to consider how we will respond to the generosity of God, how we will share our time, talents, and treasures with one another and with the world. Let us consider our gifts given in grateful praise.

Offertory "Meditation from Thaïs" Massenet

* Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving *Presbyterian Outlook*

Generous God, all that we have comes from you. We give back in gratitude. May our gifts become beacons of hope and doors of justice and open arms of love until your kin-dom comes. **Amen**

* Hymn No. 836 "Abide with me" (Verses 1-4 Only) GTG Hymnal

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Scherzo" Kimbal

* Please rise in spirit or stature.

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

Work of the Church (Announcements)

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.

Pumpkin Painting: After worship **TODAY**. Bring your own pumpkin!

Flowers: Were given by Stew Fryer in remembrance of wife Susan.

The Week Ahead:

Monday.....	1:00pm.....	Quilters
	7:00pm.....	Men's Group
Wednesday.....	1:00pm.....	Cards & Games
	5:30pm-7:00pm.....	Door Ministry
	7:30pm.....	Choir Rehearsal
Tues & Thurs.....	9:30am-11:30am.....	Door Ministry

VANCO

Online Giving

$$ Cash Crew October $$
Liz Sibert
Per Capita 2026
$40.02

"If You Don't Go With Us"
Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSVUE)
October 18, 2026

Sermon Notes

1. Shift our prayer from show me the _____ to show me _____.

2. Faith can hold_____and _____ at the same time.

3. The_____is more important than the _____.

Questions for Reflection

1. Where in my life am I asking God to "show me the plan" when I might instead pray, "Show me your ways"?

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2. What am I hoping God will change or give me right now? Can I also ask God to simply be present with me in it?

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3. What "destination" am I currently longing to reach? Am I more focused on getting to the next thing or being present with God where I am?

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4. Where do I most need God's presence right now?

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EXODUS 33:12-23 NRSVUE

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Distinct
Face
Favor
Glory
Goodness
Gracious
Lord
Moses
People
Presence
Proclaim
Sight