Central Presbyterian Church

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Founded 1831 - Organized 1851

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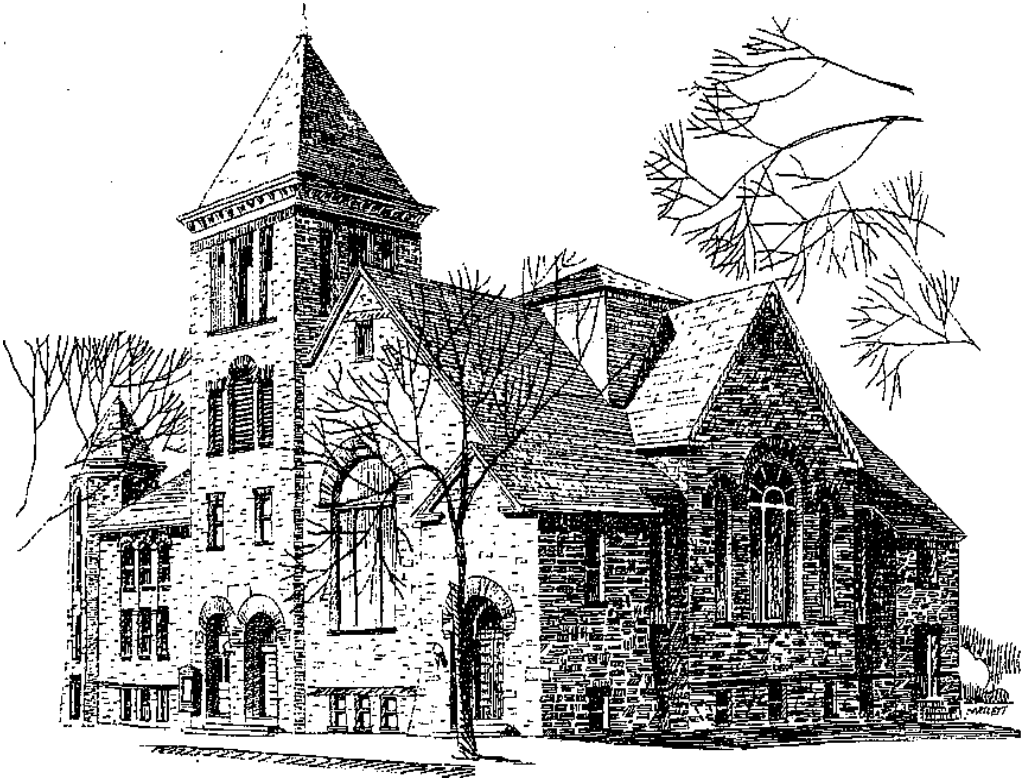

In Ministry Together

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Gathering

Welcome

Announcements (see page 4)

Prelude "May The Mind of Christ" Ham

* Call to Worship *Feasting on the Word*

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Leader: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

People: In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

* Gathering Prayer *Feasting on the Word*

Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture astonished and humbled all around you. Send your Spirit to illumine this Word that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **Amen.**

* Hymn No. 36 "For the Fruit of All Creation" GTG Hymnal

Children's Chat

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

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assuring Forgiveness *Feasting on the Word*

Leader: Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God.

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*

Loving God, you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself. Give us courage to be so open to others, to let them become so dear to us, that we might share not only your gospel but also our lives, through Christ, who makes room for us all. **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	Habakkuk 3:17-19 NRSVUE	
Anthem	"Shout to the North"	Smith
Scripture	Philippians 1:12-30 NRSVUE	
Message	"When Life Doesn't Go As Planned"	
* Hymn No. 39	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	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 *Feasting on the Word*

Trusting in God's providence, we share not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. God's tithes and our offerings will now be received.

Offertory "Londonderry Air" Archer

* Doxology

* Prayer of Thanksgiving *Feasting on the Word*

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

* Hymn No. 275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" GTG Hymnal
(Verses 1, 3, 4 Only)

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Tribute to Dolly Pardon" Conti

* Please rise in spirit or stature.

Worship team: Rev. Megan Bejamin, Rosie Sikorsky, 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.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a brief congregational meeting Sunday November 1st after worship. Please plan to attend.

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

November Communicator: Please submit info/articles to Autumn by October 29th.

Flowers: Were given by Marlene Kanipe in celebration of her birthday!

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

VANCO

Online Giving

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

"When Life Doesn't Go As Planned"
Philippians 1:12-30 (NRSVUE)
October 25, 2026

Sermon Notes

1. A _____ is not the same thing as a _____.
2. We can choose _____despite our_____.
3. We are called to _____ when life gets hard.

Questions for Reflection

1. Paul saw his imprisonment as an opportunity for the gospel to spread (Philippians 1:12–14). How might our perspective change if we looked for ways God could work in the middle of our unexpected circumstances?

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2. What does it mean to be grateful anyway? How can we practice gratitude without pretending that difficult or painful circumstances are good?

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3. When life gets difficult, what tends to be your first response: worry, frustration, anger, prayer, reaching out to someone, or something else? What helps you move forward?

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4. Paul encourages the Philippians to stand firm and strive side by side (Philippians 1:27). Who has helped you through a difficult season, and what did their support mean to you?

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Philippians 1:21-30

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Believe
Benefit
Chains
Christ
Death
Difficulty
Glory
Good News
Honor
Living
Paul
Philippians
Prison
Serve
Suffer