

Order of Worship

November 19, 2023

Welcome to Central Christian Church!

We are so glad you're here this morning. Please feel free to participate in as much of the worship service as you would like to. Tables with coloring supplies for our younger Disciples (or anyone really) are available for use during the service.

Please take a few moments to fill out the bulletin insert so that we can stay in touch, answer questions you might have about getting involved, and pray for you. There will be an opportunity near the end of the service to place these slips in the offering tray.

Gathering for Worship

The Life of the Church Jeremy Comstock

Prelude *La Volta* Rick Christensen
by Frederick Noad

Call to Worship Ken Palisin

Please stand as you are able

Leader: God has gathered us to this place,

People: where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

Leader: God summons us to this place,

People: where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

Leader: God will send us from this place,

People: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

Call to Worship by Thom Shuman

Anthem Rick Christensen

We Gather Together
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Invocation Ken Palisin

The Disciples' Prayer Ken Palisin

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples has many variations. Please use whatever words are closest to your heart, or follow along with the words on the screen. Then, be seated.

Reading I Psalm 67 Ken Palisin

Hearing the Word

Children's Moment LeAnn Budeski

We invite all our younger Disciples (12 and under) to come to the front for a short lesson on today's Scripture reading.

Song of Illumination Rick Christensen

Wonderful Words of Life
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Reading II Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee

Ephesians 1:7-12

Sermon Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee

Living the Mystery of God's Will

After the sermon, we share in a time of silent contemplation.

Invitational Rick Christensen

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
344 v. 1,4

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Lynn Yahraus

Use the bulletin insert to write down any joys or concerns for the elders to pray for in their weekly meetings, read aloud during the intercession in worship, and/or add to the congregational prayer chain.

Intercession Lynn Yahraus

Invitation to the Table Brett Fagenstrom

All are welcome at Christ's Table. If you would like to receive communion, come forward row-by-row through the outside aisles as the hymn is being sung, placing offerings and bulletin slips in the tray as you do.

Communion Hymn Rick Christensen

Come Share the Lord
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Returning to the World

Please stand as you are able

Benediction Rev. Bob Frank-Plumlee

Closing Chorus Rick Christensen

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
434 v. 1

Depart in Peace.

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour immediately after worship.

Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for our theological education institutions. Each of our seminaries and divinity houses is committed to educating and forming Christian leaders for church and society. Generations of pastors, community leaders, and agents of social transformation have been educated at our theological institutions. They have flourished and made a difference in the world, thanks to gifts from Disciples congregations and individuals throughout the ages. These institutions continue to prepare leaders for the present age and the age to come.

Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world.

Today's Servants

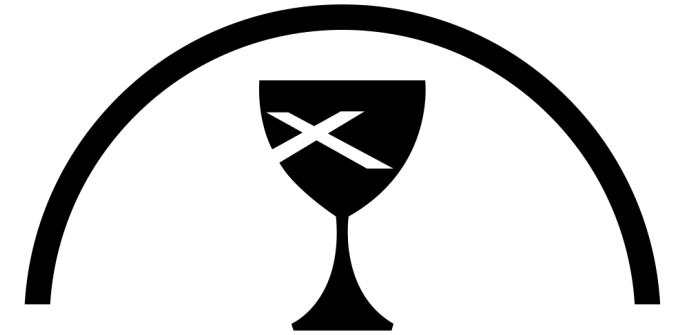
Accompanist:	Rick Christensen
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Ken Palisin
Elder:	Lynn Yahraus
Preparing:	Lydia Comstock
Greeters/Counters:	Kevin McCafferty Grady Comstock
Tech Booth:	Chris & Viv Hunter
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Spirituality and Social Justice Book Club** meets to discuss the final two chapters of *This Here Flesh* this Wednesday, November 29th at 6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ **In preparation for Advent**, we will be doing Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 2nd, but before that we will need to have our big Christmas tree up. We need a handful of sturdy folks willing to stick around after worship on Sunday the 26th to bring down the décor from the attic and set up the tree.
- ◆ **This year, we are partnering with the Great Falls LGBTQ+ Center** to host their annual Friendsgiving on the evening of Thursday, November 30th. There is a sign-up in the fellowship hall for ways to help out.
- ◆ **Our annual congregational meeting is coming up**, where we will vote on the budget and slate of officers for the coming year. Please plan to attend immediately after worship on December 17th.
- ◆ **Our annual 'Chicken Feed' campaign for FISH Food Bank** has commenced! Bring your 'chicken feed' (loose change) to the church any Sunday this month to contribute during the matching period. If you contribute via check or cash, please use the memo line/envelope to indicate that it is for FISH.
- ◆ **Lydia Group will be collecting household items** for the Mercy Home Shower for Christmas. Unwrapped donations are needed for the kitchen, bath, and bedroom. There will be a basket in the Fellowship Hall for your items.
- ◆ **Essentrics with Lynn, Tuesday at 2:00pm**

Welcome to Worship!



Ephesians 1:7-12

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(Disciples of Christ)

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living God's radical love
that challenges all to grow
in faith and mission*

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