

Order of Worship

January 26, 2025

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

Prelude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Lana Furdell

Call to Worship Lita Sharone

Please stand as you are able

Leader: God shatters the plans of the nations, and frustrates all their schemes.

People: **But the plans of our Maker stand firm forever; his intentions are unshakeable.**

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people are known by his name.

People: **Let your unfailing love surround us, O God, for our hope is in you alone.**

Call to Worship by Rev. Amanda Gosik. Used with permission.

Opening Hymn 356
We, Your People, God, Confessing

Invocation Lita Sharone

The Lord's Prayer Lita Sharone

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.

First Reading Lita Sharone
Matthew 10:5-13

Hearing the Word

Praise Hymn 323
Wonderful Words of Life

**Pastoral Prayer/
Prayers of the People** Leigh Larson

Sermon Leigh Larson
"Jesus as a Political Protester"

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

Invitational Hymn 346
Where He Leads Me

Receiving Christ's Welcome

Communion Meditation Brett Fagenstrom, Elder

Communion Prayer Brett Fagenstrom, Elder

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.

Communion Hymn 429
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Invitation to the Table Leigh Larson

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.

Hymn Played During Communion

Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Lana Furdell, Piano

"The Peace of Christ be with you"

Returning to the World

Closing Hymn 439
God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Benediction Leigh Larson

Postlude Lana Furdell
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

Prayers for China

Dear Creator God,

Thank you for the partnerships that connect our faith communities across cultures and distances. We pray for the churches in China as they seek to proclaim the Good News and promise of God's favor to the people of that historic land.

We give thanks for the growing Christian community throughout China, especially in the Shaanxi and surrounding provinces. We pray for the Shaanxi Christian Council and the area churches as they seek to meet the needs of Christians in China for theological education. Bless the development plans to expand Shaanxi Bible School to address the limited and insufficient space of the old campus with new classrooms, a library, and dormitories.

We pray for the faculty of Shaanxi Bible School, especially the guest Lecturers from secular universities who teach the public courses required by the Department of Higher Education. May the school also find the resources to add new books to its library to meet the reading needs of teachers and students.

For Shaanxi Bible School's continued witness, we ask your grace and mercy to be with the school, its new campus project, and all the churches in China.

Amen

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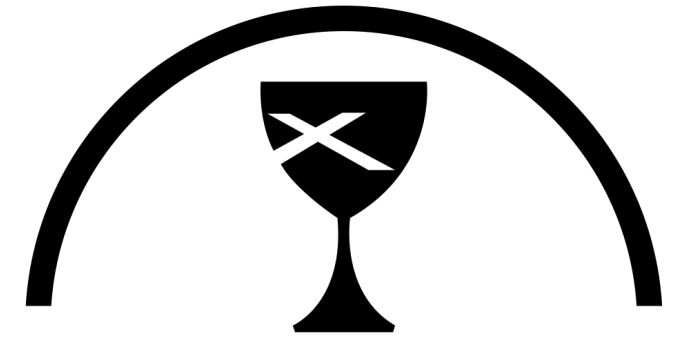
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Pastor Mandy will be away on educational leave** from January 19 to 26. She will return to the office on January 28. During her absence, Leigh Larson will be preaching.
- ◆ **Today's guest preacher, Leigh Larson** was born and raised in Texas, and attended University of Texas at Austin. After graduating, she went into seminary at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. During her first year, Leigh was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the USAFR Chaplain Candidate program for seminary students. Due to financial and personal reasons, she left seminary and eventually went into the tech world, graduating from Turing School of Software & Design in Denver. She worked in corporate tech while running a side hustle, before launching her web and graphic business full-time. She has since returned to seminary to finish what she started. She enjoys traveling the country and writing children's books about her dog, Professor Huckleberry.
- ◆ **Evening Lydia Group** will be held on January 30 at 6:00pm.
- ◆ **Board Meeting on February 2 after worship.**
- ◆ **The ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics)** meets every Sunday at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. Please join them if you are in need.

Today's Servants

Accompanist:	Lana Furdell
Song Leader:	Kathy McKerrow
Worship Leader:	Lita Sharone
Elder:	Brett Fagenstrom
Preparing:	Dennis & Samantha DeForest
Greeters/Counters:	Carl Donovan Shelly Fagenstrom
Tech Booth:	Chris & Viv Hunter
Grounds:	Ken Palasin

Welcome to Worship!



Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Matthew 10:16-36
Jesus as a Political Protester
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Central Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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

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