



## Central Presbyterian Church

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### Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!



Click the note above to watch  
online!

## Wednesday Live at 5 *Sanctuary Music*

**You are invited to come sit in the sanctuary!  
Please wear your masks at all times and  
maintain a safe distance.  
Hymn requests are welcome!**

### Presbyterian Women's Circle next Tuesday, 4/27

(1pm gathering, 1:30 Meeting and Lesson  
via **ZOOM**)

### Women's Retreat at Mo-Ranch (Sign-up Now)

If there are any members/family/friends who would like to travel and stay  
with us in Nicklos House, May 21-23, please contact Meg B. or Judith H.

### Invitation to Outreach!

**Because we have been so blessed during this Pandemic...**

The Mission/Service/Community Outreach has met recently, at Session's direction, to consider how we have been blessed to be a blessing. The committee has named a handful of non-profit organizations in our community with whom we would like both to partner and to bless. Session will be considering these recommendations tonight (4/20 Stated Session Meeting). So, we hope to be sharing possibilities for

partnership and volunteering with you in the coming weeks. Please join us in our gratitude to God (and the faithful stewards at Central) for continuing to bless us even in uncertain times!

**More to come! As a Matthew 25 Church, it is vitally important that we engage with our community!**

## Thank You!



Thank you so very much for saving and sharing cardboard tubes. The JH Hines AfterSchool Academy scholars have been reading Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty and creating marble runs. They also read Tia Isa Wants a Car by Meg Medina and made magnet cars. Thanks to your generosity our tubes runneth over! We appreciate your prayers and support! --Angela Ceccato

## Invitation to Upreach!

We will continue to worship online through April, and, we are working towards becoming a hybrid church (with worshippers engaging one another from both church and home).

Our first attempt was last Sunday, and we ran into a few opportunities for improvement. This week should be an improvement--see you on Zoom or Facebook!

A team of Session members are participating in Hybrid Church class, along with 20 other churches in our Synod this month.. We are excited to find ways to gather in the sanctuary and maintain a connection with folks who need to worship online.

Session has also put together a Task Force to begin exploring ways to improve the "back forty" to be used for both community gatherings and worship and prayer.

Please continue to pray for God's guidance and movement in these important ministry considerations.

## Order of Worship--Fourth Sunday of Easter, 4/25/21

Meet , Greet, and Worship via [Zoom](#),  
or watch live, or anytime after worship via [Facebook](#).

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;

**All: In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare;**

One: Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;

**All: Blessed Lord and our only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill!**

Opening Prayer:

**Gentle...yet powerful.**

**Lowly...yet almighty.**

**Shepherd...yet King.**

**In Your gentleness, guide us.**

**In Your power, strengthen us.**

**In Your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride which only destroys us.**

**In Your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things.**

**As a shepherd, call us to be Your servants.**

**As a King, call us to be Your royal priesthood.**

**O God, who is our shepherd and our King;**

**O Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead;**

**O Spirit, who comforts and empowers;**

**O great One in Three, Holy Trinity, this hour, set us free to worship Thee. Amen.**

Hymn #172, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need", verse one

Psalm 23

Call to Confession

**Confession:**

**Just as I am, though tossed about With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,**

**Fightings and fears, within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, we come...**

**Silent confessions...**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,**

**Because Thy promise, I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, we come...**

Assurance of Pardon

**Gloria Patri**

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Prayer for Illumination: (using Hymn #322, "Spirit of the Living God")**

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Sermon

**Affirmation of Faith (adapted from a 2002 prayer by Bruce Prewer):**

**I believe I need a shepherd.**

**Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,**

**because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,**

**because the things I crave may not be what is good for me,**

**I need a shepherd.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;**

**his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,**

**his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,**

**his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.**

**I believe that the love he gives me is to be shared with others,**

**that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,**

**that his fold is broader and wider than I could ever imagine.**

**I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.**

Prayers of the People, and

**The Lord's Prayer**

Call for Offering

Offertory "*Ten Thousand Reasons*" with Phil Oliver and soloist, Denyse Rodgers

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #540 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again, verse one.

**Closing Prayer:**

**My dearest Lord.**

**Be Thou a bright flame before me.**

**Be Thou a guiding star above me.**

**Be Thou a smooth path beneath me.**

**Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me.**

**Today and evermore.**

Benediction

## Prayer Concerns

- for comfort and healing for the Riley's grand-niece, 10 year old Luna, as she fights for her life;
- for Willis, who has moved to St. Anthony's;
- for continued healing and rehab for Linda W., Frank, Nancy C, Carl & Billie Kathryn, and Martha;
- for the vaccines to become more widely available and desired;
- for those struggling with addictions of any kind, and those who love them;
- for Sara's friend Cherie, and all her friends and family, as she struggles with late-stage Ovarian cancer;
- for Allison's mother, Michelle, as she continues treatment for her second cancer diagnosis;
- for Sara's friend Allyn, who has recently been diagnosed with Cancer;
- for neighborly neighbors, and a community working to keep one another safe;
- for our meal deliveries, deliverers, and other visiting angels of God among us;
- for all our members, friends and family to stay safe, healthy and connected;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!



### Celebrating Birthdays

Ken Smotherman - April 24

June Bryngelson - May 3

Avni Deivanayagam - May 11

Emry Deivanayagam - May 11

David Groman - May 13

Meg Bierwirth - May 17



**(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!**

**We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)**

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