



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!

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, and the Session has approved these gifts and partnerships.

Now, we would like to find members/worshippers among us that may already have a special connection with one of these organizations. Please read the list that follows, and let either Angela or Judith know your connection to them. We would like to both celebrate what is or has been, and find a way to deepen our relationships and the ways we can help to support these organizations: AVID (Midway ISD), Caritas of Waco, Compassion Ministries of Waco, Habitat for Humanity of Waco, MCC (the college) Foundation, MCC (the church) Red Door Pantry, My Brother's Keeper, Shepherd's Heart, Talitha Koum Institute, Waco Eastern Little League, and the World Hunger Relief Farm. Please also give thanks to God (and the faithful stewards at

Central) for continuing to bless us that we may bless others! May our congregation's vitality in Christ blossom as we share the fruit of our vines with the Christ we find in our community!

As a Matthew 25 Church, it is VITALLY important that we engage with our community!

Invitation to Upreach!

We will continue to worship online through Mother's Day, and, we are working towards becoming a hybrid church (with worshippers engaging one another from both church and home). Our first two attempts reminded us of all of the troubles we faced when we first went online--mostly with the sound of musical instruments like our piano and organ. We DO believe we are learning!

This Sunday, the first in May, is Ordination and Installation Sunday. We will be ordaining our two newest elders, Anne Stewart and David Jackson, and installing them together with Denyse, Matt, Melissa and Vicky. We will then celebrate communion together!

While worship leadership and session members will be present in the sanctuary for this service, most of our congregation will not be able to be there for a physical laying on of hands. Would you please instead shower Anne and David with handwritten cards, welcoming them to church leadership, thanking them for accepting God's Call, and passing on the apostolic calling by your hands in this way?

Order of Worship--May 2nd

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Mystery shrouds our life and death, but we need not be afraid,

All: For the mystery's heart is love, God's great love which Christ displayed.

One: At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus wept with open grief;

All: Grant us, Lord, the tears to heal our pain and unbelief.

One: "Why has God forsaken me?" Cried Jesus from the cross.

All: He shared the loneliness of our deepest griefs and loss.

One: As his life expired, our Lord placed Himself within God's care;

All: At our dying, Lord, may we trust the Love which conquers fear.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful and loving God, In the presence of your people, we praise you; Let us celebrate your goodness, and your steadfast Love; you hear our cries, and ignore not our suffering; All who love you sing your praises and proclaim your power; let us, this hour, seek your rule, praise you, and be satisfied, For you alone bring healing light and love. Amen.

HYMN #464, VERSE ONE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Psalm 22:25-31

CONFESSION

Your gift of love, we crucified,
we laughed and scorned him as he died
the humble king we named a fraud,
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Silent confessions...

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

GLORIA PATRI

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN #22, VERSES 1,3,6 "God of the Sparrow"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1 JOHN 4:7-21

JOHN 15:1-8

SERMON

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN #526, VERSES ONE AND THREE "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Prayer Concerns

- for comfort and healing for the Riley's grand-niece, 10 year old Luna, as she fights for her life;
- for comfort and healing for Vicky's cousin's 10 year old Eli, as a kidney tumor is removed;
- for Willis, under hospice care at St. Anthony's (room 409);
- for Jane Guthrie, who has severe nerve pain caused by a spinal compression fracture;
- for continued healing and rehab for Linda W., Frank, Nancy C, Carl & Billie Kathryn, and Martha;
- for our members, communities and nation to continue to seek out vaccinations, wear masks, and show love for our neighbors;
- for those struggling with addictions of any kind, and those who love them;
- for the family and friends of Michelle, Allison's mother, who passed away recently;

- for the family and friends of Cherie Friedel Johnson, Sara's close friend, who passed away recently;
- for the family and friends of Lionel Jude Clifton, Bill and Laura's grandson, who passed away recently;
- for Sara's friend Allyn, who has been diagnosed with Cancer;
- for our meal deliveries, deliverers, and other visiting angels of God among us;
- for our congregation to stay close to the vine, bearing fruit through and for Christ in our community; and
- for everyone born, a place at the table!



Celebrating Birthdays

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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