



Central Presbyterian Church

Where Christ is Central to All we Do!

November 3, 2021

Our Covid Commission, in response to local Covid data, has decided that **MASKING is PREFERRED at all church services and events.**

*Responses to messages left at the church office will be delayed;
please email when possible.*

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Invitation to Upreach

Reach up to God through worship and study.

Commissioned for the 150th birthday celebration of Central Presbyterian Church in Waco, Texas, October 1969, and performed at the church on February 17, 2019.

THANKS BE TO GOD
for S.A.B.C. voice, congregation, accompanied, with an "instrumental" (2020/21 by J.M. MARTIN) (1969)
Revised lyrics
"How Thank We All Our God"

With conversion (2 = ca. 1992)

SOPRANO/ALTO
How thank we all our God

TENOR/BASS
How thank we all our God

COO
with heart and hands and voice - all!

* Also Available: For the congregation (1969, 1992, 2020/21) Score and set of parts for 777-7777
#BXDFRAN 024-7777

** Score: NEN DE VRIJLT, Volume 1 (1969, 1992)
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As part of our All Saints' Sunday observance, the choir will be presenting a special anthem. Commissioned for our church's 150th anniversary celebration, *Thanks Be To God* was composed by Joseph M. Martin. It was first performed during the Sunday worship service on February 17, 2019. The words and the music are a true celebration of this congregation's heritage. We hope you enjoy it again.

CPCWaco Hybrid Worship

You Are Invited to Praise and Follow Jesus!

Meet , Greet, and Worship via [Zoom](#) (click to join anytime 9:10-11:45am);
worship live (at 10:45am, or anytime convenient for you) on [Facebook](#);
or come in-person (masked) to worship in the Sanctuary.

Order of Worship

November 7, 2021

Call to Worship

A thousand days are but a moment to God;

All flesh is grass, and withers away.

Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,

And reluctantly give them back to God.

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

For all that they taught and left us to share.

Hymn # 326 For All the Saints, vv 1-3

(Please step to the aisle to help support the scroll as it is unfurled.)

***For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Opening Litany

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day:

For those who join us in the work and worship of Christ--

Thanks be to God!

For those who have completed their baptism—

Thanks be to God!

And for those who are yet to be born unto this faith—

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

(Please help us keep the scroll even and level as we store the scroll.)

***I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.***

***They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God’s love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there’s not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn’t be one too.***

***They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus’ will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and mean to be one too.***

All Saints’ Day Litany of Confession

Holy One, we believe that we were created in love;
Yet when we face ourselves in the mirror, too often we do not see love.

For our prejudice

For our hatred

For our pride

For our apathy

For our cruelty

For our blindness:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy One, we believe we are created in Your image;

But when we look in the mirror, we do not see anything good.

For our hollow sense of self

For our inflated ego

For our inner critic

For our needless stoicism

For our sense of worthlessness

For our inability to see ourselves as beloved:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy One, we believe we are called to see the face of Christ in all;

But we refuse to see Christ in some.

For holding on to old resentments

For calling another 'enemy'

For allowing differences to influence us

For judging or belittling others who are also made in your image

For seeing borders as fences and not invitations to exploration

For not living the truth that the whole world is in your hands:

Here now our silent prayers.... Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to God's Grace (#729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian, v 4)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Revelation 21:1-6 – The Message

Children's Message

Matthew 3:13-17; 28:16-20

Sermon What Do Saints Do?

Offering

Offertory

Thanks Be To God

Joseph M. Martin

(Commissioned for the 150th anniversary of CPCWaco)

Invitation to the Feast

Siblings in Christ, come to the table of Jesus the Christ. Join together for a feast that comforts our souls. Siblings in Christ, join me in this sacrament knowing that we will grow close to God, neighbor, and self at this table.

Service of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us Give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Friends, we come to this bittersweet ritual today filled with a bundle of emotions. While our gratitude for this family of faith is plentiful, our spiritual pain still may be heavy days, weeks, months, years, and even decades after the death of

our loved ones. Our pews are a little lighter. Our homes are a quieter. And our hearts know well of the gaping hole of loss.

Even as this void still consumes this day-to-day living, we come here looking for hope that we can find only in you. Through this meal, we connect past, present, and future, knowing that generations have and will come to this table to remember Christ, his love, his teachings, his strength...his death and resurrection!

May your Holy Spirit bless this bread and cup. May the Spirit bless us as we celebrate at the peaks of life and as we abide in the shadow-filled valleys. May the Spirit bring us the peace that will permeate our grief-coated hearts. And may the Spirit use this time and space to remind us that we are never alone, even in our most difficult spaces.

As we join together for this meal, let us remember with gratitude our Christ and our loved ones who gather in the great cloud of witnesses, celebrating eternity with our Creator. May this meal be a gift to each of our souls today as we continue to pray, OUR FATHER...(debts/debtors)

With his friends, on the night before his arrest, Jesus shared this last meal. One more time, Jesus took the bread and blessed it. In his breaking of the bread, Jesus yearned for them to remember his teachings and their times together. "Whenever you eat this bread, remember me."

One more time, after supper, Jesus took the cup and blessed it as well. In his grasping of the cup, Jesus yearned for his followers to recall their times together. "Whenever you drink of this cup, remember me."

Prayer after Communion

We express our gratitude for this meal, Divine Host. We give thanks for times spent with our loved ones and for this table where all your saints gather together with Christ. May this meal remind us that Christ accompanies us, giving peace to our hearts, strength for the days to come, and comfort to those we are called to serve. Amen.

Hymn #748

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.***

Adult Sunday School

Learning what it means to accept Christ's invitation.

9:45 Adult Class (using *Follow Me* Curriculum) on [Zoom](#) (click to join Sunday mornings);

9:45 Men's Class (using *Follow Me* Curriculum) meets in the church parlor (**in-person**).

Adult Reflection Guides are available for the above classes. Please let us know if you would like one so that we order enough for the next cycle!

Invitation to Outreach

Reach out to serve Christ in our community and beyond.



Mission Partnership News!!

The Mission Waco Toy Store will be held in the AC on Thursday, 12/2, through Saturday, 12/4. There will be lots of volunteer groups on site over the next few weeks to get everything organized and ready. One big day will be next Sunday, Nov. 14th, when MW will begin reorganizing everything to set up and decorate for the store. If you can volunteer to help that Sunday afternoon from 2-4, please let Judith know.

Of course, we will also organize our own youth shopping day with the Change for Change collection, and collect both wrapping paper, and unwrapped toys for the Biker Run. If you would like to help us buy toys, or bring your own toys/wrapping paper, please bring them to church. Our collection will be in the Narthex.



SUPPORT our TEAM

Sunday, November 14th, CPCWaco will participate in the **2021 CROP Hunger Walk**

benefitting Church World Service and Caritas.

You can sign up to join the team [here](#).

We will walk beginning at 3pm in Bledsoe Miller Park.

Contact [Denyse](#) for more information!

Don't forget to support our team members!!! Click [here](#) to donate!
(You can donate to the CPC team, or scroll down to donate to individual team members.)

Invitation to Inreach

Reach inward with the Spirit of Love, for God, self, and one another.

Drive-Thru Fellowship TODAY 11/3

Chicken Pot Pie, Salad and Dessert will be served. Take out or delivery only.

Pick up will be at 5:30pm.

Please place your orders by contacting Melissa Rhoden ([email](#) or 254-722-2678).

Interested in Kitchen/Fellowship Events?

If you like fellowship, are handy in the kitchen, or would like to help serve our congregation, please join our group by contacting Melissa Rhoden ([email](#) or 254-722-2678).

Prayer Concerns

- for people caught in times of war or famine;
- for all who sorrow, and for those who rejoice;
- for those in need of healing, and for those called to heal;
- for people called to bear the Good News in word or deed;
- for Luna (10 year old fighting Cancer), Martha, Joyce, Sara, Billie Kathryn and Ken (both recovering from heart valve replacement surgery), Mrs. Rodgers in Arkansas, Sara, Haley, Andrew S, Helen K. and all who need healing, strength, & comfort;
- for guidance, strength, open-mindedness and kindness;
- for our congregation to sense God's presence, strength, and Call to serve; and
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

Celebrating Birthdays

Pat Wall - November 4

Bill Clifton - November 6

Vik Deivanayagam - November 6

Billie Kathryn Kuhnle - November 13

Witten Williams - November 22

(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!)



Pastor's Ponderings

Psalm 25:9

The Lord guides the humble in what is right and teaches them God's Way.

If you have ever been around toddlers, you have seen stubborn independence! It is human nature to want to make our own decisions, to have our own way, to try things first, only asking for help or permission later (if at all).

At some point, we all must grow up. The first step to making wise, grown up decisions may be admitting we need help. We quit stomping our feet and clinging to our own way; we bow our heads and ask, "your will, not mine."

God loves a humble heart! God wants us to know God's Will for us, but God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God will not force us, but may let us learn the hard way. Why choose this harder way?

Ask God's help in every endeavor, with humility, and you will find that those inner tantrums subside as you begin to relax into your true purpose: sharing God's healing love and light by living a humble, yet wholehearted* life!

In gratitude for God's grace and guidance, may your day be blessed with purpose and joy!

God Loves You, and so do I!

Grace and Peace,

Judith

*PS * Rachel Held Evans' final book Wholehearted Faith was released yesterday.*