

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift

Lay Speaker: Lisa Keys Matthews

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Pianist: Kim Osborn

Scripture Reader: Luke Bouchillon

Service Leader: David Kross

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For the month of January, we will have a series of lay speakers each Sunday morning at Central

1/8/23: Lisa Keys Matthews

1/15/23: Pat Lee

On **January 8th**, at 2 pm, the Christmas Decorating Committee would like to invite you to help us take down our Christmas decorations. If you have any questions call Debbie Phillips at 256-654-9974.

There will be a **church council** meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. All church members are welcome.

January Financials

Needed Weekly	\$12,701
Received Jan 1	\$5,440
Needed for Jan	\$56,098
Received for Dec	\$5,440

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	70
Online:	83

Calendar

Sunday, January 8

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, January 10

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study-L
2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, January 11

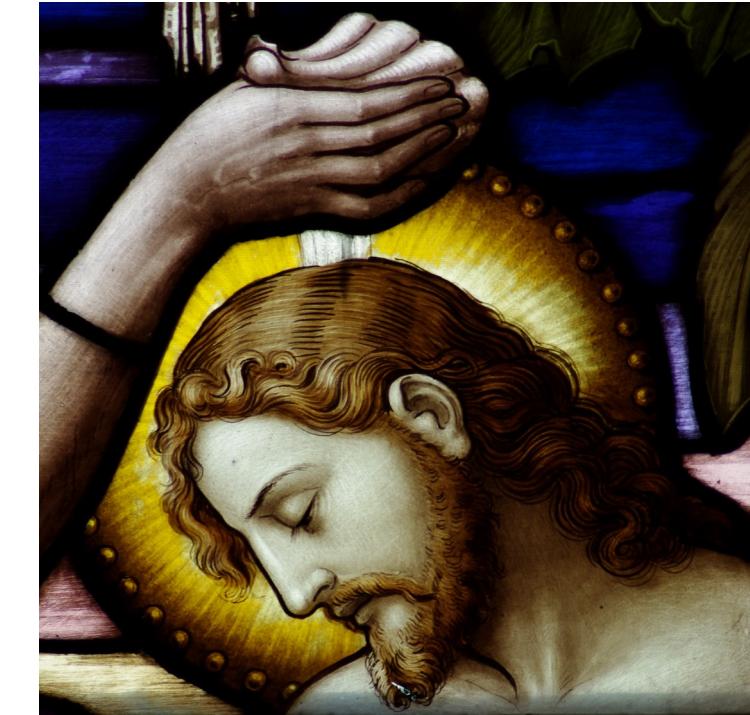
5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
5:30 Wednesday Nite Café-FH
6:00 PM Programming
7:00 PM-Chancel Choir

Friday, January 13

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaya Bible

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CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

*Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord
10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift

Welcome

*Call to Worship

God is with us always and calls us each by name.

When we pass through difficulties and stress,

God is with us and calls us by name.

When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

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Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness;
Every changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

*Greeting

Hymn "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Alicia Mullican

Special Music "Jesus Saves"

Arr. Russell Mauldin

Hear the heart of heaven beating, "Jesus saves. Jesus saves."
And the hush of mercy breathing, "Jesus saves. Jesus saves."
Hear the host of angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
And the sounding joy repeating, "Jesus saves."

See the humblest hearts adore Him. Jesus saves. Jesus saves.
And the wisest bow before Him. Jesus Saves. Jesus Saves.
See the sky alive with praise, melting darkness in its blaze.
There is light forevermore in "Jesus saves."

He will live, our sorrow sharing. Jesus saves. Jesus saves.
He will die our burden bearing. Jesus saves. Jesus saves.
"It is done" will shout the cross, "Christ has paid redemption's cost!"
While the empty tomb's declaring, "Jesus saves!"

Freedom's calling, chains are falling, hope is dawning bright and true.
Day is breaking, night is quaking. God is making all things new.
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Oh, to grace, how great a debtor, Jesus saves. Jesus saves.
Are the saints who shout together, Jesus saves. Jesus saves.
Rising up so vast and strong lifting up salvation's song.
The redeemed will sing forever, "Jesus saves!"

Bible Reading — 1 Kings 19:1-14

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, how he had killed all Baal's prophets with the sword. Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah with this message: "May the gods do whatever they want to me if by this time tomorrow I haven't made your life like the life of one of them."

Elijah was terrified. He got up and ran for his life. He arrived at Beer-sheba in Judah and left his assistant there. He himself went farther on into the desert a day's journey. He finally sat down under a solitary broom bush. He longed for his own death: "It's more than enough, Lord! Take my life because I'm no better than my ancestors." He lay down and slept under the solitary broom bush.

Then suddenly a messenger tapped him and said to him, "Get up! Eat something!" Elijah opened his eyes and saw flatbread baked on glowing coals and a jar of water right by his head. He ate and drank, and then went back to sleep. The Lord's messenger returned a second time and tapped him. "Get up!" the messenger said. "Eat something, because you have a difficult road ahead of you." Elijah got up, ate and drank, and went refreshed by that food for forty days and nights until he arrived at Horeb, God's mountain. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The Lord's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

Elijah replied, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!"

The Lord said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the Lord. The Lord is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the Lord. But the Lord wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the Lord wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

He said, "I've been very passionate for the Lord God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — Living Into Our Inner Elijah

Lisa Keys-Matthews

*Closing Hymn #420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.