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

Minnie Bailey has been appointed as our interim pastor. We expect Minnie to start sometime after January 23rd. Minnie is passionate about interim ministry and has been gifted to guide congregations in transition.

The **sanctuary** will undergo renovations during the month of February. Worship will take place in the fellowship hall during that month.

January Financials

Needed Weekly	\$12,701
Received Jan 15	\$11,605
Needed for Jan	\$56,098
Received for Jan	\$20,196

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	98
Online:	107



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 Sunday School – 9:30 AM
 Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, January 22

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
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting-FH

Tuesday, January 24

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
 2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, January 25

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

Friday, January 27

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

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 22, 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service. **AMEN.**

*Opening Hymn #133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

leaning on the everlasting arms;

what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed each with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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 #170 "O How I Love Jesus"

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

**O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!**

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

Refrain

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Refrain

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

Special Music "Prayer for the New Year"

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days;

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest;

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.
Amen

Bible Reading— Galatians 1:6-10

**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.**

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message —

David Kross

*Closing Hymn #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift