

Interim Pastor: Minnie Bailey
Worship Director: Susan Thompson
Pianist: Kim Osborn
Scripture Reader: Doug Shoemaker
Service Leader: David Kross

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**Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.**

Bruised but not Broken -Mary Noble Parrish will be with us on Sunday, January 29th from 5:30-7:00pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a time to process the transitions we all have experienced, and help us to continue to move forward as a church. Ms. Parrish is the Executive Pastor at Stone River UMC. She is an experienced grief counselor and is well suited to guide us in our discussion of letting go and looking ahead.. All church members are welcome.

Minnie Bailey has been appointed as our interim pastor. Minnie is passionate about interim ministry and has been gifted to guide congregations in transition. We are excited to welcome Minnie and her husband, Howell to Central.

The **sanctuary** will undergo renovations during the month of February. Worship will take place in the fellowship hall starting next week, February 5th.

Wednesday Nite Café start time is changing. The line will open at 5:15pm. Programming will continue to be at 6pm

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 108
Online: unavailable



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, January 29

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
5:30-7:00 PM Mary Noble Parrish -FH

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

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

Friday, February 3

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 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
10:30 AM

Sermon Series:

Only Jesus

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Opening Hymn #158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

*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 #512 "Stand By Me" (v.1-3)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the seas,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

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

Joan Addison

Special Music "Pachelbel's Canon of Peace"

P. Liebergen

Dona nobis pacem.
Grant us Peace.

Bible Reading — Matthew 17:2-8

**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.**

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them there, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a Voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise; have no fear." When they looked up, they saw only Jesus.

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

Message — Only Jesus: His Presence

Minnie Bailey

*Closing Hymn #700 "Abide with Me" (v. 1,3,4)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift