

*Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the starts of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain 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

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "The Lord Reigneth!"

Glyncannon

Music Director: Susan Thompson Organist: Virginia Paul "Once to Every Man and Nation" - Smith 1981 Lorenz Publishing Co. "Room at the Table" Stewart/Lantz (c)2013 Beckenhorst Press "The Lord Reigneth!" - Glyncannon 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co. Call to Worship courtesy of Feasting on the Word CCLI License # 2306531



Bible Reading for February 6

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Discussion Questions

This week we will be hearing Jesus call his first disciples in Luke's gospel. Read the account and try to imagine yourself as one of the fishermen. How would you have responded? What about all the fish left in the boat? Jesus speaks a new future for these disciples, what future has he spoken for you?

January Financials

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Needed Weekly (\$15,559), Received Jan 23 (\$29,943), Needed for Jan (\$62,235), and Received for Jan (\$66,106).

Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 140

There will be a Church Council Meeting this evening at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The deadline to sign up for the Feb 21 Children's Retreat (3rd-5th Grade) at the Vision in Huntsville is Feb 6. Parents are needed to chaperone.

The Sages Valentines Luncheon is Feb 13 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Email or call Tina Wofford at (256) 318-7711 for reservations. The children will be having a bake sale in the fountain area on Feb 13 as well from 9-11:45



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Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, January 30

- 9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209) 9:30 AM Sunday School, Children, (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM- 7:00 pm, Youth, Children 5:00 PM- Church Council Meeting-FH

Tuesday, February 1

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L 2:30 PM Prayer Team, L 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, February 2

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, Gym 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Cafe 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming Children, Youth, Adults 6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, February 3

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ 8:00 AM The Gleeeful Bible Study, FH

Friday, February 4

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class-Gym 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall, S- Sanctuary L- Library, JJ-Java Jaay

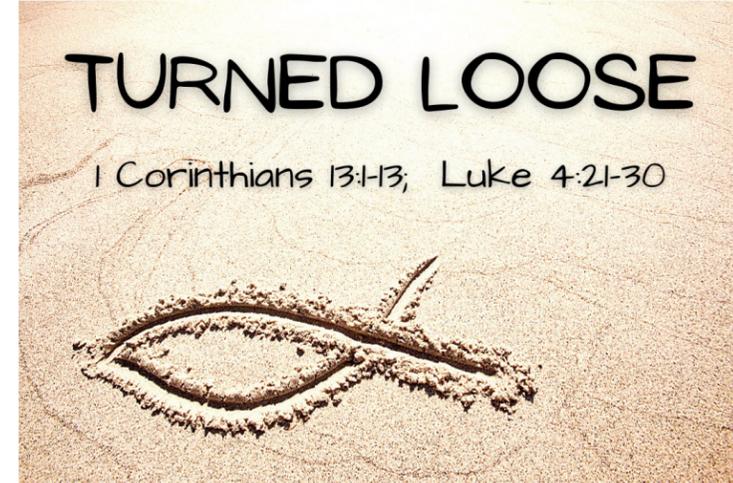
Menu for Wed Nite Cafe Feb 2

- Cheeseburger casserole Broccoli Mac & cheese Salad, rolls, dessert



Central's mission:

Love God Love others



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

January 30, 2021

4th Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "Once to Every Man and Nation"

Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

From the very beginning, God calls us. God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose. We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid. But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days. Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff, God is with us and sustains us.

*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!

*Prayer of Confession and Pardon, Passing the Peace

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Greeting

*Hymn “Behold the Lamb”

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us –

and we remember

the promise made that all who come in faith

find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you –

eat and remember;

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life

paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you –

drink and remember

He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice

as a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond –

and to remember

our call to follow in the steps of Christ

as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!

And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n, around the table of the King.

Special Music “Room at the Table”

There is room at the table, a place at the feast,
There is room for each burden you long to release.
Ev’ry heartache you carry, each private despair;
Bring them all to the table, surrender them there.

There is room for the bread that is broken in two.
It is offered for all that is broken in you.
Simply take it and eat it, and hunger no more.
You must only accept it; be fully restored.

There is room for the cup that is filled with the wine.
It is offered to you at this table of mine.
Come be filled with remembrance of My sacrifice.
All your emptiness ended, your thirst satisfied.

There is room at the table, so come take your place.
Taste the bread of forgiveness, the cup of My grace.
Not a meal for the body; a feast for the soul.
O come to the table and you will leave it whole.

Bible Reading — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

—[Prayer]

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.

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don’t have love, I’m a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don’t have love, I’m nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I’ve done but I don’t have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn’t jealous, it doesn’t brag, it isn’t arrogant, it isn’t rude, it doesn’t seek its own advantage, it isn’t irritable, it doesn’t keep a record of complaints, it isn’t happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. We know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I’ve put an end to childish things. Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — “Turned Loose”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Wesley’s Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer—

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks for God’s creation and deliverance, concluding:

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks for the Son and the gift of the Holy Meal.

...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We give thanks for God’s presence, the Holy Spirit, concluding:

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

With the confidence of God’s children, we are bold to pray together:

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.

[While standing, receive the bread and cup. Then pray at the rail or return to your seat. Offerings left at the rail go to the needy. You may wish to receive with these words. If you wish to remain seated, please alert an usher and a server will come to you.]

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**