

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
The Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift "Christ the Redeemer"

Birchwood

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Bible Reading for November 6

Prepare for next week, November 6, 2022: Prepare for worship by reading Luke 6:20-31. This week we will be remembering the saints who have gone on to join the great cloud of witnesses this past year. Make it a point to give thanks to God for the lives of those who showed you what God's love looked like.

Wednesday Nite Café November 2 Menu

Chicken & Dressing with Gravy
Baby Carrots
Baby Limas
Rolls
Salad
Dessert



Don't forget the deadline to order Market **Poinsettias** is November 3. Since we are not having the casserole sale or silent auction; this is how we are raising funds for our Market agencies! Forms are available in the fountain area!

Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs.

The **straw poll** will be immediately following service this morning and last **until 1 pm** in the fellowship hall.

There will be a **church council** meeting on Wednesday, **November 2 at 6 pm** in the fellowship hall, immediately following Wednesday night's fellowship meal.

Church council members will review the recommendation of the discernment leadership team and vote on whether to proceed with a church conference vote.

There will be a **prayer service** on **November 6 at 5 pm** in the sanctuary.

October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 23	\$9,505
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received for Oct	\$62,863

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	151
Online:	59



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

Calendar

Sunday, October 30

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Young Adult (Rm 211)
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:30-1:00 PM Straw Poll, *FH*
5:00-7:00 PM Youth-*3rd flr*
5:30-7:00 PM Children-*3rd flr*

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

5:15 AM Exercise Class, *Gym*
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch-*FH*
5:00-7:00 PM Wed Nite Café
6:00-6:45 PM-Chancel Choir
6:00 PM-Church Council Meeting-*FH*
6:45-7:30 PM-Voices of Praise

Thursday, November 3

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-*JJ*

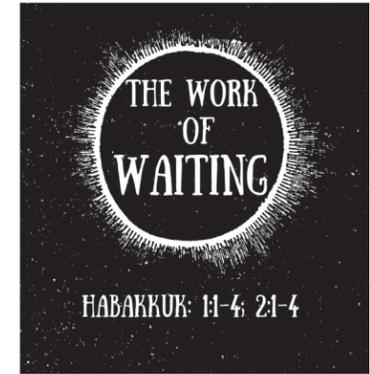
Friday, November 4

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

Central's mission:

Love God
Love others
Serve the world



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

October 30, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "Praise to the Lord"

Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

How many times in our lives have we felt lost, alone, abandoned?
Yet there is One who will never leave our side. We can depend upon God's loving presence to rescue us and to heal our brokenness.

Even though we have been battered and blown by storms and struggles, we still can place our trust in God's abiding presence.

It is the grace of God that has brought us through and will continue to be with us all our lives.

Our lips shall sing and shout forth our praise of God.

Let our hearts and spirits rejoice and continually be praising God for all God's mercies. AMEN.

*Hymn # 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Call to Confession

We confess we have strayed away from your Word

We cry out to you, O God

We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away from your vision for our lives

We cry out to you, O God

We confess that there is strife and contention all around us

We cry out to you, O God

Let us confess together:

That we are powerless

and have taken our focus off your Word...

that we have not allowed your Word to work in our lives,

yet we continue to cry out to you in times of trouble and need.

Grant understanding and wisdom

that we may see your vision and apply it to our lives.

Hear our prayer, O God, and

Call us back to you.

Greeting

*Hymn #526 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Special Music “Blessings”

Arr. Sorenson

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace,

Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.

We pray for healing, for prosperity.

We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.

And all the while, You hear each spoken need,

Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

‘Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing come through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.

And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.

We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love,

As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough.

And all the while, You hear each desperate plea,

And long that we'd have faith to believe.

‘Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing come through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win, we know

The pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home!

‘Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?

What if Your healing come through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life

Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?

What if trials of this life – the rain, the storms, the hardest nights –

Are Your mercies in disguise?

Bible Reading— Habakkuk:1:1-4, 2:1-4

—[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.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then

the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — The Work of Waiting

Rev. Miriam Smith

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.**

*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 #534 “Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide;

In every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake

To guide the future, as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.