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There will not be a **Lunch Bunch** or a **Wednesday Nite Café** on Wednesday, November 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are looking for volunteers to help **decorate** the church for Christmas on **November 20 at 2 pm**. Call Kristen Bentley with any questions 256-214-1285.

The **Hanging of the Greens** will be on November 27 at 10:30 am.

There will not be a **Wednesday Nite Café** until December 7, the Happy Birthday Jesus party. The November 30th and the December 14th meals have been canceled due to the uncertainty of attendance.

Please pick up your **poinsettias**, ordered through the Market, in the fellowship hall, **Tuesday, November 29 from 11 am to 4 pm**. If you cannot be there, please arrange for someone to pick up for you.

### November Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Nov 13	\$6,450
Needed for Nov	\$62,235
Received for Nov	\$18,715

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	141
Online:	113



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

### Calendar

#### Sunday, November 20

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  
2:00 PM Decorate Church for Christmas

#### Tuesday, November 22

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

#### Wednesday, November 23

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

#### Thursday, November 24

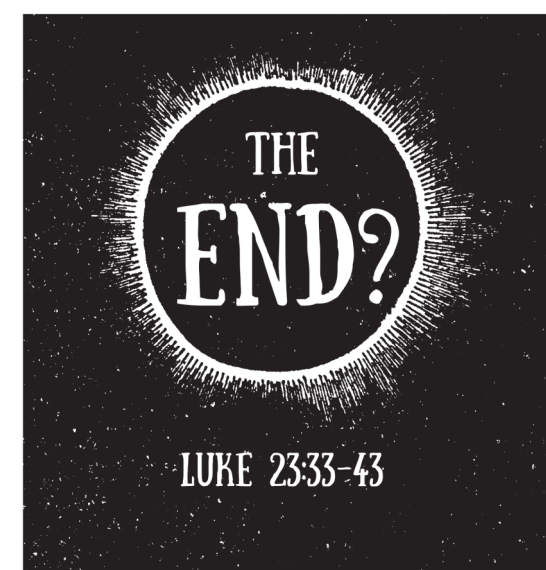
Thanksgiving-Church Office Closed

#### Friday, November 25

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

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**

November 20, 2022

Christ the King/Reign of Christ  
10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

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

Musical Gift "Now Thank We All Our God" Sewell

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

God has called all of us here beloved.

**We are given new names of hope and promise.**

Even though storms and trails have assailed us,

**God has drawn us through to the time of salvation.**

Thanks be to God for God's victory in Jesus Christ!

**May Jesus reign in our hearts all of our days. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymns #370 "Victory in Jesus"

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

**Refrain**

***O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!***

***He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;***

***He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;***

***He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.***

Prepare for worship: Sunday, November 27, 2022. Read Psalm 122 and Isaiah 2:1-5. This week we begin our Advent journey. We will be spending time with the "traveling music" of the church. That is, we will be spending time with the psalms and songs of the people of faith through the millennia as they (and we) wait and anticipate the arrival of our Savior. Whenever one travels to Jerusalem, to the temple, one must go up (because it is built on the top of a hill). A hill to climb can be helped by a song of motivation. Look at the scriptures for this week, what images and encouragement do you find as we prepare for the arrival of Jesus, even if it feels like an uphill climb?

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,  
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,”  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

**Refrain**

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

**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 “Power of the Cross”

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**Refrain**

***This the power of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath,  
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning your blood stained brow.

**Refrain**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
“Finished!” the victory cry.

**Refrain**

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love!

**This the power of the cross;  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

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 “A Thanksgiving Gathering”

*Arr. Joseph Graham*

Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come. Raise the song of harvest home.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His name. He forgets not His own.

Bible Reading — Luke 23:33-43

**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.**

When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.” They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one.”

The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, “If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read “This is the king of the Jews.”

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: “Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, “Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus replied, “I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

Message — The End?

*Rev. Miriam Smith*

\*Closing Hymn #694 “Come Ye Thankful People Come” (v1)

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Raise the song of harvest home;  
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Ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.

\*Sending Forth

Musical Gift “Simple Gifts”

*Birdwood*