

Refrain
*He said,
 "Freely, freely you have received,
 freely, freely give.
 Go in my name, and because you believe,
 others will know that I live."*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
 In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
 And in Jesus' name I come to you,
 To share his power as he told me to.
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Musical Gift "Rigaudon"

Purcell

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

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Call to Worship courtesy of Ministry Matters

Discussion Questions

Prepare for 2/27: Luke 9:28-43a

This week we have two different portrayals of Jesus. First, he goes up to the mountain top with some disciples and is transfigured before them. Next, he seems to be almost irritated as he heals a young man. Jesus does not say much at all in these verses. What he does say might bring us up short—what could he mean in his description of the "generation" he is addressing? How do these words of Jesus sound to you?

**February 23rd Menu for
 Wed Nite Café**

- Pork Roast
- Turnip Greens
- Sweet Potatoes
- Corn Bread
- Salad
- Dessert



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.



Safe Sanctuary Training will be on Feb 27 in the Lower Fellowship hall at 4 pm. Everyone who will be working with youth, kids, and/or vulnerable adults at Central or as part of a CUMC activity or trip will need to attend.

The March newsletter deadline is **Feb 23**. If you have an article or announcement for your ministry at Central please email Lori in the office.

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Services will be at 7:30 am in the chapel and 6 pm in the sanctuary. The youth will have Chick-fil-a biscuits before the service. Youth breakfast will start at 7 am, the service will start at 7:30. Middle schoolers will be driven to school on the church bus.

February Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Feb 13	\$6,795
Needed for Feb	\$62,235
Received for Feb	\$36,858

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	170
Online:	56

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.



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

Calendar

Sunday, February 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)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- No Night Programming Children/ Youth

5:00 PM Gifts of the Spirit Study-FH

Monday, February 21

8:00 AM–8:00 PM Children's Retreat led by Youth, Huntsville

Tuesday, February 22

- 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
- 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L
- 2:30 PM Prayer Team

Wednesday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 24

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

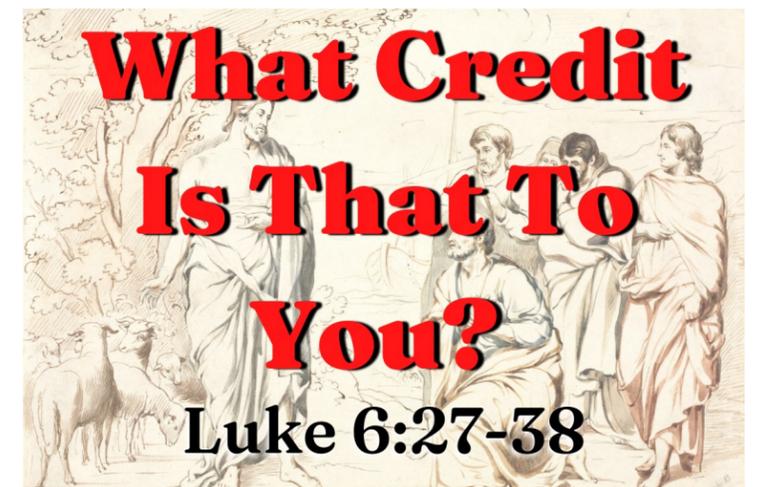
Friday, February 25

- 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

Central's mission:

Love God
 Love others
 Serve the world



Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday after the Epiphany
 10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "Joy in God"

Blake

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Come and learn the ways of life.
We have come to follow Jesus.
 Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.
We have come to follow Jesus.
 Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.
We have come to follow Jesus.
 Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
We have come to follow Jesus.
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Opening Hymn #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy seas;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Affirmation of Faith

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 #2022 “Great Is the Lord”

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***Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By his mercy he proves he is love.***

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!
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Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!

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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

Debbie Looney

Special Music “Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace!”

Parks

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon.
Make me an instrument of Your peace!

Where there is doubt, let me sow faith;
Where there is hatred, love;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light!

O Master, grant that I may not
so much seek to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born
to eternal life!

Bible Reading — Luke 6:27-38

**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.**

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

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

Message — “What Credit Is That To You?”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #389 “Freely, Freely”

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his love as he told me to.