



CENTRAL LIFE

Central Presbyterian Church
December 2, 2020



Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest Commandment?" It was a way that the religious leaders were hoping to trap him. Instead, Jesus answered by summing up the law into two statements: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength; and Love your neighbor as yourself.** You can't get much more straightforward than that. Jesus said that this summed up all the laws, and it was simplified into one word:

LOVE.

Friends, we are all feeling the stress of the rapid rising numbers of the virus and of those who are dying from complications caused by the virus. We all know friends and family who have tested positive. We have been warned about gathering in groups outside of our own household. We have been told that wearing a face mask works (doctors and nurses wear masks when dealing with the sick and in operating rooms.) We have been instructed to keep a 6-foot distance from one another. We have been shown how to properly wash our hands (20 seconds with soap and water) and reminded to wipe down surfaces. We have been told to stay home if we feel bad, and it is now probably best to remain home as much as possible. Yet the reality is that the numbers keep going up. As a Christian family, I am asking you to respond to this virus.

Ask yourselves: how are we going to protect one another, and ourselves, by taking the proper precautions and doing what is advised? **Out of Love for your neighbor and your church family, please wear a mask.** An effective mask is one that:

- *When you wear it, cannot blow out a lighted candle,
- *Must have a minimum of 2 layers of cloth,
- *Should have a filter or other liner sew in or can be put in,
- *And after each day of wearing your mask, it must be washed or replaced with a new one.

Out of Love for your brothers and sisters in this community, please be diligent in your hygiene, and in the way you live and work in the community.

Friends, be mindful of how close you stand to one another. Be aware of others around you, and if you need to distance, feel free to move away rather than telling another to back off. **Out of Love** for one another and in showing the love of Christ in this world, please stay home and isolate if you are not feeling well, if you have tested for the virus and are awaiting a result, or if you have tested positive.

LOVE is a demonstrative word. It is seen in how we live and care for one another. So may all that we do be done in Love.

Grace and peace,

Ann Aichinger

Congregational Joys and Concerns...

At Home: Bob and Becky Ingram, Mary Kay English, Bob Stuart, Bessie Kitts, Jean Bane, Allen Vance, Guy Briggs.

At Brookdale Bristol: Carol Duhaime for rehab and care

At Dominion Senior Care: Hugh and Linda Wise

At Elmcroft: Patsy Wampler, Jackie Phillips

At NHC: Candy Ellis

At Christian Care Center: Bill English

Bill English is improving and is at Christian Care Center;

Mary Kay English as she continues to struggle with the injury to her back;

Candy Ellis is at NHC, Bristol;

Becky Ingram as she is dealing with health issues;

Bob Ingram as he is dealing with pneumonia and other health concerns;

Joy Briggs' husband, Guy, is dealing with health concerns and is at home;

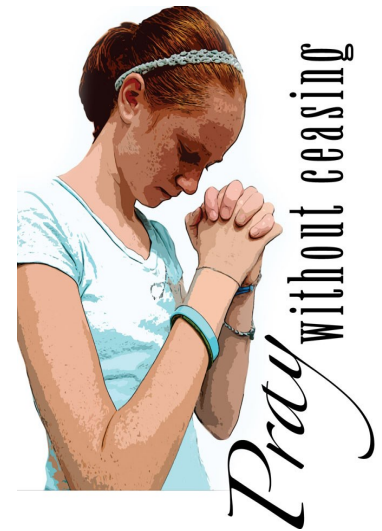
Don Miller, as he continues to deal with health concerns;

Paige Thompson's mother as she is dealing with health concerns;

Gale Thompson as he goes for his 6 month follow up appointment;

Jim Butcher as he is having knee surgery next week;

Jean Thomason who is continuing to struggle with her health.



We Extend Our Christian Sympathy to:

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; they will rest from their labors and their deeds will follow them."

Revelation 14:13

The Family of Casey McComish, who passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020. Family services will be held on December 5, 2020 with the placing of ashes in the Columbarium.

The Family of Diana White whose mother passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

Memorials...

To the *General Fund* in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Ann Aichinger.

To the *Meals on Wheels Fund* in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Carolyn Jones.

To the *Memorial Fund* in Memory of Casey McComish, given by Patsy Wampler.

To the *Service Fund* given in Honor of Patty Caldwell, given by Ed and Verle Sutphin.

Continue in Prayer for renewed health and strength for...

John and Linda Barker and their family, Daphne McCord, Bobby Davis, Alice Owenby, Coleen Wheeler, Randy Broyles, Jim Matson, and Heather Kiser.

Memorials...



Condolences may be sent to the family of Casey McComish at the following:

Katie Linkous
469 Blackburn Lane
Lenoir City, TN 37771

Colin McComish
1063 Haas Road
Weiser, ID 83672

Services for Casey McComish will be held online through the Oakley Cook Funeral Home website. Casey's obituary can also be accessed through the Oakley Cook Funeral Home website. There will be a link to the service through OneRoom as a part of his obituary and you will be able to watch the service which will begin at 3:00 p.m. (sharp.) If you click the link at 2:45 p.m. and you don't see anything, you are still connected. There will be memorial folders available at the church next week and you may pick up one up at that time.

Reminders...



December 24, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight.

This worship service will be held in the church parking lot.

Advent-at-Home kit bags are available at the church. We have items to help you to celebrate Advent this year at home, including a wreath and candles, materials to make ornaments, booklets and stories for sharing. Stop by and pick up a bag for your family and household.



Food City (Euclid Ave) and Jack Wycoff for providing the bags for our Advent-at-Home kits!

My son, Nick Vollmer, runs a caregiving office for a company called Bayada. He is opening up a new office in Richmond, Virginia and is looking specifically for **CNA** caregivers to hire. Nick would appreciate receiving any names of caregivers that you might know of that may be looking for a job in the Richmond area.

If you know of anyone, please call me, or call Nick direct at 423-963-6416. Thank you for any help that you can give him!

Mike Vollmer





Miniature Nativities

There are miniature French nativities (varying prices for each set) available now in the Church office. The Blue Folk Nativity (pictured), Modern Nativity, and Classic Nativity are \$25 each, and the Vibrant Nativity is \$30.

Central Presbyterian Church Facemasks

We will be offering CPC Face Masks for sale in the church office. The cost is \$5 for each face mask. The masks will be blue with a white logo. Get them for yourself, your friends, and your family members. These will make a great stocking stuffer!

CAROLS AT NOON



The *Carols at Noon* will now be offered online and will be posted on the church website as well the church Facebook.

With the numbers of virus infections going up, we do not want anyone to become sick or to make someone else sick. So, please stay home and enjoy the music!

If you would like to have a CD of the beautiful Christmas music, please feel free to pick one up in the portico area of the church on the table.

Upcoming Sermons...



December 6:	Advent: Find Comfort	Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 40:1-11
December 13:	Advent: Stay Watchful	John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 20:	Advent: Sing with Joy	Luke 1:26-38
December 24:	The Christmas story	Luke 2:1-20
December 27:	Christmas Revealed	Luke 2:22-40
January 3:	Christmas Observed (Epiphany)	Matt 2:1-12

Not online? Want to have a DVD of the Worship Services?

Come by the church and pick up a copy. They are on the table under the portico, and they are dated. Please feel free to take what you need.





Join us for "Wonderful Wednesdays" in November on ZOOM! You can join us with video or you can call in and be part of the group. We will have time to chat and catch up on life, as well as spend time in prayer for one another and those on our hearts.

We will conclude the study of Bob Goff's book, **Love Does: When you love like Jesus does, you will live like Jesus lived.** The video portion will be shown as a part of our study, but if you want to watch it before we gather on Wednesday, you can find it on *RightNow Media* (rightnowmedia.org) in the Central Presbyterian Church resource library.

In December, we will be discussing Adam Hamilton's Advent study *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. The topics are listed below with the scriptures

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| December 2: Presidents and Kings | 1 Samuel 7:1-16; Luke 1:26-38 |
| December 9: The Savior and Our Need for Saving | Luke 2:8-14; Matthew 1:18-21;
Genesis 3:1-13; Romans 7:18-25 |
| December 16: Emmanuel in the Pandemic | Matt 1:22-25; Isaiah 7:1-16;
Hebrews 1:1-4, 4:14-16 |
| December 23: Light of the World,
Word of God and Lord | John 1:1-5, 9-14; Isaiah 58:1-10;
Matt 2:7-12; Matt 5:14-16 |

Below is the Zoom information. The invite will also be emailed out to the church family on Wednesday mornings. Remember: This is the same meeting information from week to week. Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82923591544?pwd=MTIHMEVwWnlWZ3dPRGIXUIZaRlpqQT09> Meeting ID: 829 2359 1544 Passcode: 787706

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The Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, Dec 15 at 11 a.m. by Zoom for their monthly Gathering and Bible Study. All women are invited to join us. Below is the Zoom information for the meeting. We will be looking at Lesson 3: Women's Lament

There are additional books available in the church office for \$10.

Topic: CPC Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering

Time: Nov 10, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting at:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89575029504?pwd=UJJKVlhLb0FCdERGdWwxM3J6M21VQT09>

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How to Keep in Touch:

www.facebook.com/CPCBristol: You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click “not now” and the site will pop up. Scroll down to find the latest message.

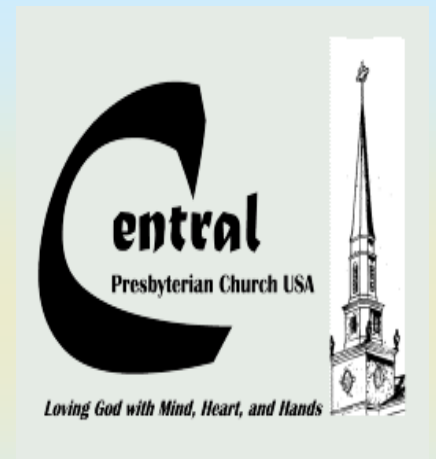
www.CentralPresBristol.org: Click on “View Sermons” then scroll down to see Pastor Ann’s videos for each day.

Options for giving to the work and ministry of Central Presbyterian:

- * You can give in a check, or cash, in the offering plate, dropped by the office, or mailed to:

Central Presbyterian Church
301 Euclid Avenue
Bristol, VA 24201-4013

- * You can give through your online banking to Central.
- * You can set up an automatic deposit from your account; please talk with the Finance Director on how to do this.
- * You can TEXT to **CentralPres** (no spaces and Capital C and P) to **73256**. You will be directed to make your donation through Realm.
- * You can give one time, or regularly, through your **Realm Connect** profile.



Reminder: Please continue to send in your pledges and financial support for Central Presbyterian. Although the church building may not be fully operational, the work and ministry is still happening.

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Office Hours:

The current office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please call 276-669-3157 for office hour changes and updates.

