

ONLINE Order of Worship  
March 12, 2023  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Ann Aichinger



**Gathering for Worship**

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams  
so our souls long for you, O God.

**Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.**

We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,

**who turns the parched earth into springs of water,**

who sends the rain from heaven,

**and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.**

Let us come and worship the God who refreshes us.

**Let us be renewed with the Living Water of Christ.**

Hymn #65

*Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

...friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Hearing the Word**

Children's Message

Sermon  
Scripture

Water, Spirit, and Life  
John 4:4-52

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## **Responding to the Word**

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from the Declaration of Faith

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.**

**He put God's claim on his life above all else.**

**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
personal lives that are centered in God  
and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us to put obedience to God  
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;  
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest,  
setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,  
celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,  
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,  
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,  
to press God's present claim on us,  
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,  
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,  
we cannot love God whom we do not see.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **Sending Out**

Hymn #738

*O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

Charge and Benediction



**Pastoral Concerns:**

Diane Abbey is struggling with some health issues;  
Kim Profitt is recovering from her cataract surgery;  
Missy McCord had knee replacement surgery and is at home;  
Woody McGlothlin is at Encompass Bristol for rehab;  
Mary Kay English is at Encompass Bristol recovering from a mild stroke;  
Doris Crabtree is at Encompass Bristol recovering from some TIAs in the past;  
Bob Ingram had an MRI on Friday to see about placing a stimulator to help ease pain;  
Ken Moss is very appreciative of the prayers and is recovering well.

**Continued Prayers for:**

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Rev. Jack Stephens is at home, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

**Prayers for Family members and friends:**

Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee; Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Phyllis Morris' brother, Ray Cassell; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry; Doris Hall's aunt, Mildred Rutherford; Cathy White's father, Roy Smith; Sandy Wilson's husband, Dave; Eugene Waldron's sister, Joy; Anne Pratt-Proctor's 4 year old grandson, Luke; Mary and William Wampler's granddaughter, Charlotte; Marguerite Buckley's sister, Cathy; Diana White's brother-in-law, Ed Fortner.

**Sympathy to:**

Todd and Kim Pruett in the death of his mother, and Doris Crabtree in the death of her sister, Carolyn Pruett on March 2. The memorial service for her was in Bedford, VA.

*Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral concerns, and please feel free to contact Ann Aichinger or any of the Elders through email, Facebook, or by phone.*

Central Life Newsletter is available on the church website. If you would like a printed copy you can get one from the church or request that one is mailed to you.

Next Sunday, Ann Aichinger, will be away on vacation. We will welcome Dr. Martin Dotterweich to our pulpit.

## CHURCH STAFF

<b>Pastor</b>	Ann Aichinger
<b>Music Director</b>	Robert Campbelle
<b>Organist</b>	Joy Briggs
<b>Sanctuary Choir</b>	
<b>Praise and Worship Band</b>	
<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Josie Russell
<b>Recording /Technology</b>	Mike Vollmer, Jack Wagner, John Dodge, Lee Budd, and Robert Campbelle
<b>Sound</b>	Steve Clark & Mike Vollmer
<b>Youth &amp; Young Adult</b>	Josie Russell
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Brenda Lester
<b>Financial Director</b>	Mary Moffatt
<b>Kitchen Coordinator</b>	Sumer Lowry
<b>Nursery Staff</b>	Leslie Mumpower Courtney Reese

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