

Order of Worship
Sunday, March 19, 2023 11:00 A.M.
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

* All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Amazing Grace* BISH

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *The Lord Is God* MASON/GAMBRELL

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 23)

Awaken from your slumber, and bring your fears and anxieties into the presence of the Lord our God.

May we hear the call of our Shepherd, and allow His voice to lead us from selfish ambition to the feast of grace.

May the light of Christ shine into the hidden darkness of our lives and restore us for the service of the Lord.

Come let us worship God.

* Hymn #462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of perfect love, You continually bring forth life, transforming our sadness into joy, and despair into hope. We are weak, but You are strong. Our ways are flawed, but Your ways are true. We are seldom right, but You are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, and transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people You would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Passing of the Peace of Christ

* Gloria Patri

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Jay Hall

Anthem *Seek Ye the Lord* ROBERTS (Isaiah 55:6-7)

*Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
and return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy; and abundantly pardon.*

Sermon *Mud and Spit and Light*

Dr. Martin Dotterweich

Scripture *1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41*

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory *Down at the Cross* FRANKLIN RITTER

* Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above Ye heavenly Hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

* Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, that I May See*

* Charge and Benediction

* Response *Be Thou My Vision* EVANS / BYRNE

* Postlude *Finale on "Lift High the Cross"* LINKER

Calendar for March 19-26, 2023

Sunday, March 19	9:00 a.m.	Worship—Central Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Group meets at the church
	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Organ Meditation
Monday, March 20		Thriving Communities Team goes to Montreat
Wed, March 22	5:30 p.m.	Dinner and Activity for all Ages
		Dr. Brandon Story, Presenter
	7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 24	9:00 a.m.	CL Gamers—at Caldwell's
Saturday, March 25	2-4:00 p.m.	Coker Shower—Small Dining Rm
Sunday, March 26	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship - CH
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all Ages
	11:00 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Let's Go to Lunch--Drakes
	2- 3:30 p.m.	Youth Group meets at the church
	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Organ Meditation

Pastoral Concerns:

Missy McCord continues to recover from knee surgery at home;

Woody McGlothlin is now at home;

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;

Rev. Jack Stephens is at home recovering.

Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Niki McGrew, Alice

Owenby, Jean Thomason, 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; Diana White's brother-in-law, Ed Fortner.

We express our deepest sympathy to Marguerite Buckley in the death of her sister, Cathy on March 11. The service will be this week in Connecticut.

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.

Wednesday night information:

We gather for our Wednesday night dinner and program for all ages and we hope that you will join us for a time of fellowship and study and conversation. There will be a nursery as well as activities for our children and youth.

This Wednesday, Dr. Brandon Story will be here to lead a discussion on C.S. Lewis' book, *The Four Loves*.

- Wednesday, March 22: The Four Loves: Eros and Charity
- Wednesday, March 29: Pontius Pilate and Nicodemus
- Wednesday, April 5: Judas Iscariot

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The leadership of the church is very appreciative of the continued financial giving by our members and friends. You are encouraged to continue to share your gifts and money with the church. All gifts are greatly appreciated. The church continues with ministries in caring for those in need and supporting those agencies and groups who offer assistance to those in need. Please give your tithes, offerings, and contributions by:

In Person Worship: Placing it in the offering plate at one of the doors.

Mail: Central Presbyterian, 331 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201

Online: CentralPresBristol.org and go to the Give Online tab

Text: CentralPres (Capital C and P no spaces) to **73256**

Easter Flowers

Please find the insert in this bulletin for ordering Easter Flowers this year. We will again be ordering large white hydrangeas that can later be planted outside in your yard. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bristol Faith in Action. Take note that the deadline to place your order will be April 3, 2023. All gifts made will be listed in the Easter bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Patty Caldwell at: 423-797-0599.

Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 2: Palm/Passion Sunday---two services with the reading of the Passion Story from Matthew's Gospel

Wed, April 5: Wednesday Night dinner and program for all ages

Adults: People of the Passion: Judas Iscariot

Thurs, April 6: Maundy Thursday Service: 7 p.m. in Central Hall with Communion

Fri, April 7: Good Friday service: 12 Noon in the Sanctuary
Good Friday Service: 7 p.m. at **State Street United**

Methodist Church

Sun, April 9: Easter Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 a.m. for children up to 5th grade.

Confirmation class will be joining the church in worship
Pinwheels for Peace will be available to decorate.

**Baby Shower for Valerie and Matt Coker in the birth of:
Emma Grace**

The Christian Education Committee and the Care and Concern Committee are hosting a baby shower for the Coker's to celebrate the birth of Emma. This will be Saturday, *March 25, 2-4 p.m.* in the Small Dining Room at the church. Come and enjoy some refreshments and celebrate with them. If you would like to give a gift, please check out their baby registry at: amazon.com and search for Valerie Coker. Other items needed are clothes 6-9 months, 9-12 months, and diapers sized 1, 2 and up.

Let's Go to Lunch: Sunday, March 26, 12:30 p.m. at Drake's

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the round table in the Narthex. There are menu's outside of the church office on the bulletin board and table.

Mission Statement of Central Presbyterian Church

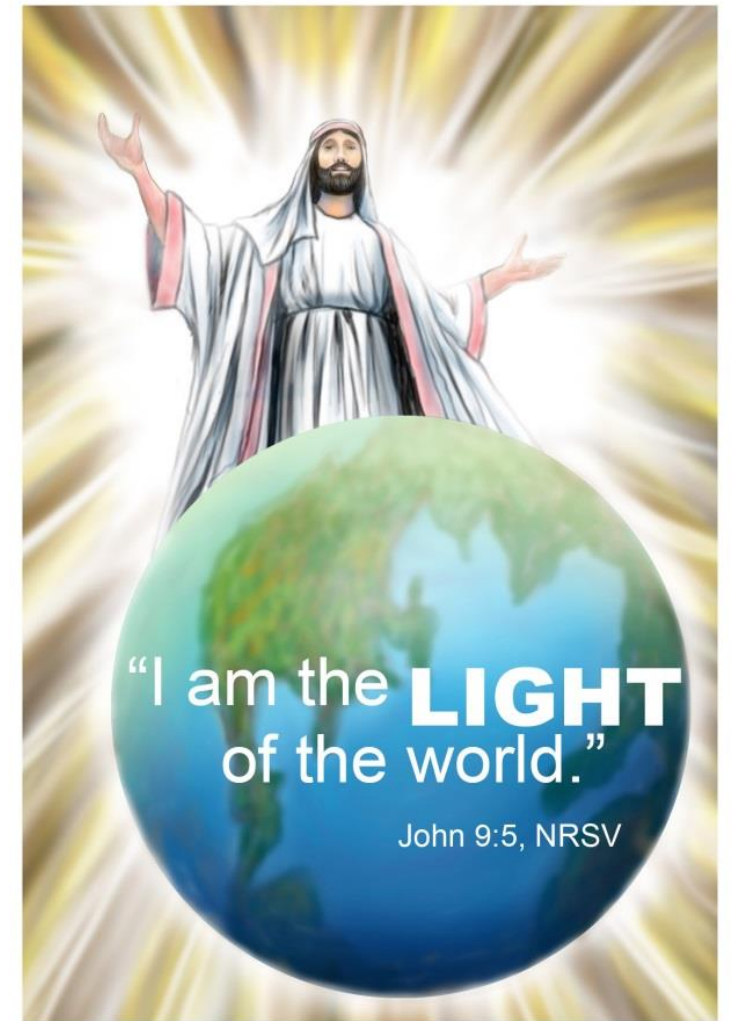
Loving God with mind, heart, and hands by being servants of God called to love God and love others by living the example of Jesus Christ, and following the winds of the Spirit.

Be sure to check out the website CentralPresBristol.org to view Ann Aichinger's daily videos and musical offerings as well as worship. Also, you can use the Shop for Good tab on the website to benefit the church while you are shopping online at Amazon, Walmart, Sam's Club, and SERRV. The church receives a small percentage of your total. Your information is not revealed or known by the church.

CHURCH STAFF

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

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