

ONLINE Order of Worship
May 21, 2023
Central Presbyterian Church
Rev. Ann Aichinger

Gathering for Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship (Responsively)

Come all God's people! Let us gather to praise our Mighty God!

With joy we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

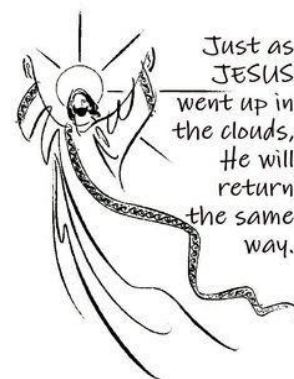
Come all God's people! Let us gather to sing to our Glorious God!

**With joy, and with all creation,
we celebrate the powers of our King.**

Come all God's people! Let us gather to worship and honor God!

**With joy, we celebrate the wonderful deeds of our God and King,
and in reverent awe, we bow in worship and praise of our God.**

Come all God's people! Let us lift up our hearts and worship the Lord.



Hymn # 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, you pray that your followers will be one as you and your Father are one, and yet we divide into factions, demonize those with whom we disagree and fail to show the world we are yours through our love of one another. We are to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, revealing your mercy and enacting your compassion. Instead we keep silent when we should speak and speak when we ought to remain silent. Forgive us for our failure to take risks for your sake. Grant us your grace and embolden us to share it, forgiving others as we have been forgiven. (Silence)

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

Living while Surrounded by Questions
Acts 1:6-14

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Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from the Declaration of Faith

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.**

We do not know when the final day will come.

**In our time, we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.

There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.**

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 #824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of God)*

Charge and Benediction

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.

Let’s go to Lunch – Sunday, May 21

After worship today, you are invited to Mad Greek restaurant on Volunteer Parkway. We will meet there at 11:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday: WEAR RED

Next Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. You are invited to wear Red as it is the color of the Holy Spirit.

Calendar for May 21-28, 2023

Sunday, May 21	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for adults
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Central Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch at Mad Greek Restaurant
	2-3:30 p.m.	Youth Group at the Church
Monday, May 22	7:00 p.m.	Thriving Communities Team meeting
Tuesday, May 23	6:30 p.m.	EGA—Central Hall
Wed, May 24	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 25	10-12 noon	Drop in Farewell event for Brenda Lester
Friday, May 26	9:00 a.m.	CL Gamers at the Caldwell’s home
Sunday, May 28	PENTECOST SUNDAY!	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for adults
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Sanctuary
	11:10 a.m.	Healing Service---Chapel

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 the door.

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**



Pastoral Concerns:

Vickie & Glenn Myers friend, MaryLou, is in the last stages of cancer;
Vickie Myers is dealing with an infection;
Joy Brigg's husband, Guy, is recovering from a fall;
Frances VanDyke has received a new cancer diagnosis and having tests to develop a treatment plan. She appreciates all of the prayers while being on this cancer journey.;
Diane White is dealing with some health concerns;
Norma Donnelly is recovering from a serious fall and dealing with injuries;
Nancy Arnold is recovering from hip replacement at home;
Mark McCord is recovering from another surgery on his arm;
Missy McCord is continuing to recover.

Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Travis Campbell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Joan Keith, Sumer Lowry, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family members and friends:

Briggs Allen's sister, Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee; Robert Campbelle's brother; Peggy Callison's son, Orion; Jane Morison's brother, Phyllis Morris' brother, Ray Cassell; Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry; Cathy White's father, Roy Smith; Sandy Wilson's husband, Dave; Mary and William Wampler's granddaughter, Charlotte; Sandy Wilson's uncles

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

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, Jack Wagner, Mike Vollmer, John Dodge, 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	Courtney Reese

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