

Order of Worship
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

- * All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512
Please silence your cell phones.

Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Largo* Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Come Sing to God*

- * Call to Worship (Responsive Reading) from Psalms 42 and 43
As the deer pants for streams of water,
so we long for you, O God.

We thirst for you, the living God.

When can we come and stand in your presence?

Through each day, the Lord pours his unfailing love upon us,

Through each night, we sing his songs,

praying to the God who gives us life.

Send out your light and your truth, O God.

Let them guide us to Your holy mountain,

to the place where you live.

Then we will go to the altar of God.

We will go to our God, the source of all our joy.

- * Hymn # 610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

- * Call to Confession

- * Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Creator God, you created the earth, whole and well; You created us to be whole people. But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken. We have been broken by false promises, lost relationships, and shattered trust. We have become fragmented, building up walls instead of lending hands. Forgive us when we have done the breaking. Heal us where we have been hurt. Let Your light shine through our cracks and scars so that we might bring light to the world, showing that in You we are made whole. In You, we find healing. In You, we find renewed life. Help us to forgive, to love, and to mend. We pray in the name of the One who comes to bring healing to all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Silent Confession)

- * Assurance of Pardon

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

- * Passing of the Peace

- * Gloria Patri Hymn #582

*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.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River* Carter

Sermon Joy Found in Community Ann Aichinger

Scripture Philippians 1:3-11, 2:1-11

Responding to the Word

- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that we need one another and build up one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;**

**that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
we are to pray together and serve God in this world.**

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest
in the church as the community of believers**

who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

**Our unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation
for the church of Jesus Christ;**

**that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet also a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.**

We believe that God calls the church to follow in this;

to bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry;

to free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind;

to support the downtrodden, protect the stranger,

help orphans and widows, and block the path of the ungodly.

God wishes to teach the church to do

what is good and to seek the right.

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 *You Are Mine* Haas

Joy Briggs, Solo Jane Morrison, Piano

- * Doxology - tune is #15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- * Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

- * Hymn #623 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Response *How Our Hearts with Joy Abound* Morgan

- * Postlude *Festive Finale* Archer

Pastoral Concerns:

Jack Wagner III is in rehab at NHC;

Merrie McInnis is recovering from knee surgery;

Linda Barker is recovering from her broken leg;

Doris Hall is awaiting heart valve surgery in mid-October;

Frances Van Dyke is undergoing chemotherapy;

Heather Kiser;

Woody McGlothlin is having tests to get on the lung transplant list;

Josie Russell's cousin, Carey Jo Davis, and her friend, Kayla Chinn;

Laurel Broadfoot's brother, Jim.

Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Mary Kay English, Maxine Howell,
Bob and Becky Ingram, Missy McCord, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby,
Ed Updyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Christy Blevins' father, Roger McGhee; Peggy Callison's son, Orion;
Sandy Wilson's aunt, Connie Perry, and her uncle, Junior; Doris Hall's
aunt, Mildred Rutherford; Diana White's brother-in-law, Ed Fortner,
and her sister; Mary Moffatt's cousin, Joni Cambron; Nancy Kiser's
brother-in-law, Will Frazier; Vicki Myers's mother, Jane Coulherd;
Joy Briggs' friend, Ginger Alverado, and Joy's great-grandson, Drake.

Please keep the family of Coleen Wheeler in your prayers. Her funeral
will be held at Central on October 28 at 2:00 p.m.

*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.*



JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENING at
5:30 pm for dinner - meet our new Kitchen
Coordinator, Jeremy Kline, program
following dinner at 6:00 p.m. Menu: baked
chicken, rice, green beans, and dessert.



Calendar for Sept. 17 - 24, 2023

Sunday, Sept. 17	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Summer Worship—Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Lemonade in the Shade - David White & Friends
	5:30-7 p.m.	<i>It's Central, Baby</i> - kids & youth
Tuesday, Sept. 19	12 noon	Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting--hybrid
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Central Life	sent out
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday night dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
	9:00 a.m.	Backpack Committee
Thursday, Sept. 21	9:00 a.m.	Gamers—Caldwell's house
Friday, Sept. 22	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sunday, Sept. 24	10:00 a.m.	Worship—Central Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group Meeting
	11:10 a.m.	Healing Service—chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch - Bristol Gardens & Grill
	4:00 p.m.	Wild Goose-a-Palooza - dinner & Music @ Wild Goose Christian Church



LET'S GO TO LUNCH

Join us for Lunch Bunch on Sunday, September 24th! We'll be eating at Bristol Gardens & Grill at 285 Vance St, Bristol, VA. They have dining on a covered screened porch and in their greenhouses which have been restored from earlier flower greenhouses. Great food, great fellowship! All are welcome!

Save the dates!!! Children & Youth Events!



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.**

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 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**

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, Robert Campbelle Steve Clark and Mike Vollmer
Sound	
Youth & Young Adult	Josie Russell
Administrative Assistant	Kim Profitt
Financial Director	Kim Profitt
Kitchen Coordinator	Jeremy Kline
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