

Order of Worship  
Sunday, March 17, 2024  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Bristol, VA

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

Gathering for Worship

Organ pre-worship Music

My Song is Love Unknown, My Savior’s Love to Me

Wood

What Wondrous Love is This

Wood

Jesus Paid It All

Pethel

Were You There?

Callahan

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

God So Loved the World

Stainer

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Day By Day

Friedel

- \* Call to Worship: (Please read bold print) from Psalm 51  
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.  
**We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us.**  
You have washed us thoroughly and cleansed us from our sin;  
**We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us.**  
Against you have we sinned, and to you we look for restoration;  
**We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us.**  
Who is like our God, the One who takes away the iniquity of His people, the One who gives them clean hearts and right spirits?  
**We will rejoice, for your grace, O Lord, has overflowed for us.**  
This is our God, the Holy One who we come to worship.  
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving and offer him the sacrifice of praise and worship.**

- \* Opening Hymn # 201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar v. 1 & 4  
\* insert

- \* Call to Confession
- \* Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of life. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die ourselves. You call us into community, but we continue to seek after that which is “mine.” We have sought the glory of this world’s praise, and have compromised our faith in this pursuit. We have trodden over the lives of others in our hurry to get what we want, and have missed out on so much love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore the joy of your salvation and forgive our sinful ways. Through the grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**  
(Silence)

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

Hearing the Word

Children’s Message

Anthem

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Martin

Sermon

Extravagant Gifts

Rev. Ann Aichinger

Scripture

John 12:1-8

Responding to the Word

- \* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from A Brief Statement of Faith  
**Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.**  
**His life on behalf of others led to persecution and death.**  
**He commanded his disciples to live the same way.**  
**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.**  
**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor’s needs as our own, to care passionately for the other’s good, to share what we have.**  
**It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor’s survival.**  
**We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

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

O Sacred Head

Bach

Doxology - tune is #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

- \* Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

- \* Hymn # 629 Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee \* insert
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Response Only Believe Rader
- \* Postlude Finale on Crucifer Linker

Pastoral Concerns:

Marguerite Buckley has a secondary infection from Covid;  
Vickie Clark had a bad fall;  
Dave Wilson is in the hospital;  
Andrew Clark is dealing with health issues;  
Dick Gordon has moved to Brookdale;  
Bessie Kitts is having complications from surgery;  
Khloe Thomas had open heart surgery at Vanderbilt, and will have a follow-up surgery soon;  
Ellena Dodson, Larry and Terri Surber, as they prepare for Larry’s stem cell transplant;  
Vicki Myers is dealing with health issues.



Continued Prayers for:

Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Maxine Howell, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Niki McGrew, Alice Owenby, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, Frances Van Dyke, and Linda Wise.

Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Mark Mugavin (David Pattishall-Baker’s nephew-in-law) has brain cancer; Bill Oliver, with Bristol Food Pantry, whose wife has entered a nursing home; Eric Martin, friend of Paige Thompson, has brain cancer; Mike Ellis’ cousin’s son who had very serious surgery; 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; Josie Russell’s cousin, Carey Jo Davis, is undergoing chemotherapy.

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.

We do not need any more bags for the backpack ministry at the moment. Please begin donating again late Summer. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Calendar for March 17 - 24

Sunday, March 17	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
St. Patrick's Day	9:45 a.m.	"Extra" music in Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday, March 18	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Perkins exit 7
	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 p.m.	Staff meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 20	<b>Central Life goes out</b>	
	1:30 p.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday night dinner & program- beef stew
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice at State Street
Sunday, March 24	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship-Central Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Healing Service - chapel
	11:30 a.m.	Walk On Bistreaux Sports @ The Pinnacle - Let's Go to Lunch!!

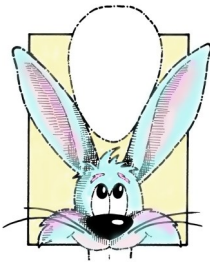


**Let's Go to Lunch!** Join the Lunch Bunch for lunch and fellowship after service on March 24th. We always have a great time, and it's a great opportunity to try something new.

There will be NO Youth Group meeting on March 17 - Josie will be out of town that day.

Don't forget to place your order for a hydrangea plant - \$19.00 each or you may donate to the church flower fund, Bristol Faith in Action, or any other aspect of giving. Just make certain you write where you want the money to go on the memo line of your check. All gifts given in honor and memory will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Order sheets have been provided in bulletins and Central Life.

Easter Bunny Shout Out - Our Easter bunny needs help! Please donate individually wrapped candy for our Easter Hunt. No plastic Easter eggs, please...we have plenty. Ann Aichinger has a plastic bin outside her office door to collect candy, so feel free to drop your candy in the bin.



**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be taken up on Easter Sunday and will support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. If you would like to collect coins as part of your offering, there are fish banks on the back table in the Sanctuary.

Please recommend any prospective Elders to the 2024 Nominating Committee. The committee includes, Patty Caldwell, Missie McCord, Diane Abbey, Ada Ritchie, and Tim Landis.

**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 20124

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

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

**Use the QR Code** to connect to the website and the "Give Online" link



**Attendance in Central Hall 3/10 worship was 80 attendees - Pretty good, considering it was Daylight Saving Day!**

CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor**  
**Music Director**  
**Organist Emerita**  
**Sanctuary Choir**  
**Praise and Worship Band**  
**Social Media Coordinator**  
**Recording /Technology**

Ann Aichinger  
Robert Campbell  
Joy Briggs

**Sound**  
**Youth & Young Adult**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Financial Director**  
**Kitchen Coordinator**  
**Nursery Staff**

Josie Russell  
Lee Budd, Jack Wagner, Mike Vollmer,  
John Dodge, Robert Campbell  
Steve Clark and Mike Vollmer  
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