

Order of Worship
Sunday, April 28, 2024
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

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

Gathering for Worship

Organ pre-worship Music
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship Page
Day by Day Page

Chiming of the Hour
Prelude *Largo* Bach
Welcome and Announcements Sheree Taylor

Introit *Majesty* Hayford

* Call to Worship: (Responsively)

As Abraham welcomed the strangers
So God welcomes us.
God greets us with joy
and says, “rest here for a while.”
God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.
God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.
So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.
Let us come into this holy place to worship God
where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

Opening Hymn #772 *Live into Hope*

**Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God’s own jubilee!**

**Live into hope! The blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear;
a vision of our God brought near.**

**Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak;
the right to be,
The right to have one’s daily bread,
to hear God’s word and thus be fed.**

**Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)
You know better than we do, Holy God, what important people we believe we are. We often believe that we must be serious all the time in our faith, and we miss out on the joy of your creation. Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously, and when we don’t claim the happiness that is rightfully ours as your children. Restore to us the joy of our salvation that we may truly rejoice in your grace and goodness. Fill us with Easter’s laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Fettke

Sermon Did I Laugh? Laura Ong, guest preacher
Scripture Luke 24:36b-48

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from The Declaration of Faith
**God chose one people for the sake of all.
To the world in its rebellion and alienation
God promised blessing and restoration.
The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants
as bearers of that promise for all peoples.
They had done nothing more than others
to deserve the Lord’s favor,
but God loved them and made them his own.
We acknowledge God’s freedom and grace.
Though we are unworthy,
the Lord has made us his own in Christ.
God has chosen us as his servants
for the sake of the world and
destined us to be his daughters and sons,
giving us love and life,
calling us to worship and honor him.**

Responding to the Word

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 is it 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 *Come, Thou Fount* Powell

* Doxology - tune is #609

*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 #754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all - not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.**

**Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

* Charge and Benediction

* Response *Peace I Give to You* Landis
Postlude *Postlude on Ode to Joy* Young

Calendar for April 28 - May 5

Sunday, April 28	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	“Extra” music in Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group - sm. dining room
Monday, April 29	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study - Central Hall - breakfast
Wednesday, May 1	1:30 p.m.	Widows’ Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday night dinner - Baked Chicken
	6:00 p.m.	Game night
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, May 2	9:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting
Saturday, May 4	7:00 p.m.	Night of Stillness - Smyth Chapel, Meadowview VA women, age 16 +
Sunday, May 5	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship-Central Hall Communion

Please welcome Dr. Laura Ong to our pulpit!

Dr. Laura Ong is a ruling elder in the PC-USA and attends First Presbyterian of Bristol, TN. with her husband , Dr. Han Chuan Ong, and their sons Noah, Moses, and Joseph. She has taught Biology at King University since 2012, specializing in human and microbial physiology, cell biology, and immunology. Laura has enjoyed speaking in chapel at King University since 2015 and supply preaching in Holston and Abingdon presbyteries since 2021. She is especially grateful to Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman for first giving her the opportunity to be a chapel speaker, and encouraging her preaching journey ever since.

Sharing Good News

In Scripture, we are called to rejoice with one another. So we invite you to share your good news with the church family. Maybe you have had a promotion or gotten a new job? Maybe there’s a new baby in your family, or your child was given an award or had an accomplishment? This is not about boasting, but about sharing so that we can rejoice with one another and celebrate life together. So if you have something to share, send it in to the church office (office.cpc@bvum.net) or call **276-669-3157**) so we can include it in upcoming newsletters.

A Big Thank you! to everyone at Central for your continued concerns, prayers, calls, and cards. You are a wonderful congregation!

Jean Thomason

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**

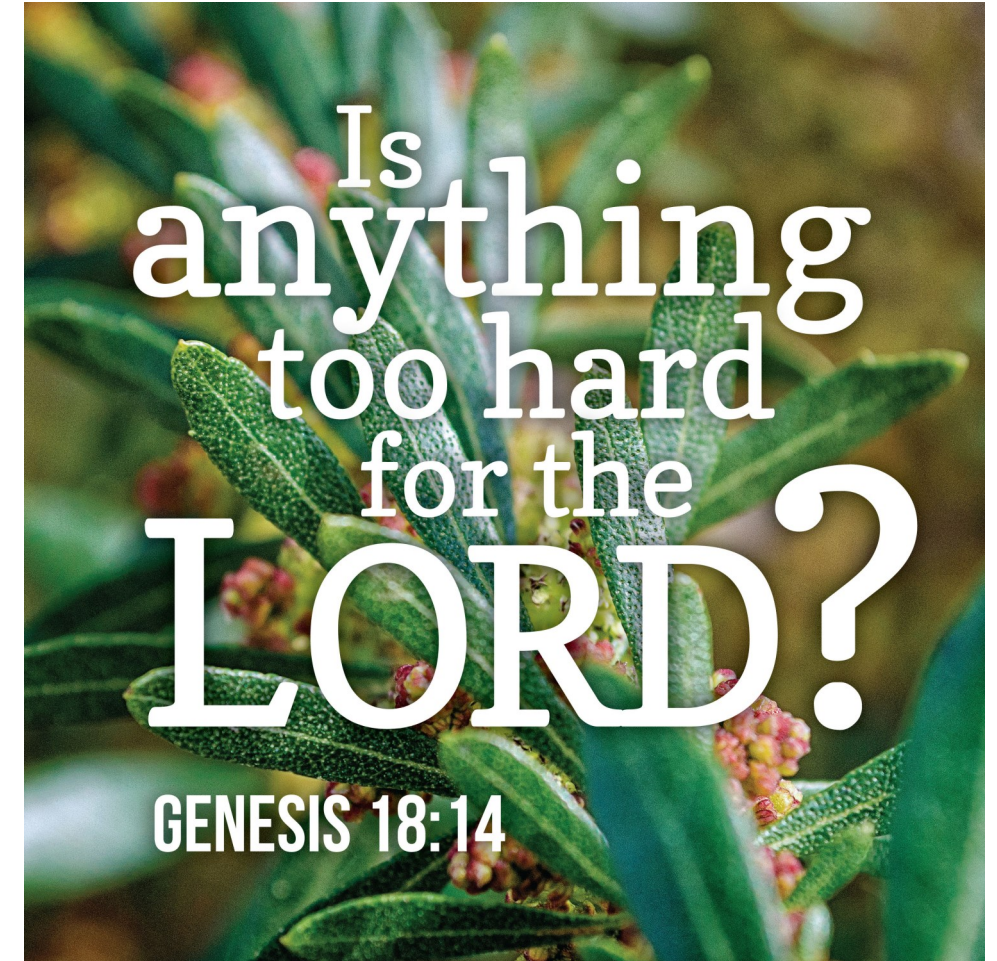
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