

Order of Worship
Sunday, September 29
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 *Blessed Assurance* Hebble l
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Routley/Herbert

- * Call to Worship: (Responsively) From Psalm 124
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!
Our help is in God’s name, the One who calls us here.
We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Blessed be the Lord!

- * Opening Hymn #25 *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*
O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.

The heavens shout your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe,
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.

Yet you have made us less than gods, surpassing all but you,
with heart and mind, with strength and will,
to search for what is true.

Into our hands you’ve placed all things; the earth,
the sea, each place
we’re called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.
Majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession (Unison)
O God of Mercy and Justice, we come before you seeking your grace, knowing that we have not lived as your people. You call us to be the salt of the earth and light of the world, but our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world. We ask that you pardon us, knowing that we receive your love and grace through Jesus Christ, the Light of the word. 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.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Hearing the Word

- Children’s Message
- Anthem *I Wait for the Lord* Beebe
- Sermon A cup of Water, a Millstone and Salt Ann Aichinger
- Scripture Mark 9:39-50

- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 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 *His Eye is On the Sparrow* Held
- * 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 #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Response *Only Believe* Rader
- * Postlude *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* Phillips

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Niki McGrew had a heart attack Monday and had stint surgery Tuesday;
- * Ken Hale is doing well after his surgery;
- * Caroline Jones had a heart procedure;
- * Nancy Arnold has continuing issues with balance;
- * Terri & Larry Surber are at UVA Medical Center;
- * Tom Tanner is doing well after knee surgery.

Continued Prayers for:

Guy Briggs, Ken Brittle, Randy Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith, Heather Kiser, Missy McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Niki McGrew, Archer Parsons, Jean Thomason, Ed Updyke, Frances Van Dyke, and Linda Wise.



Prayers for Family Members and Friends:

Wes Ritchie’s work-friend, Johann Coetzee; Guy Briggs’ daughter, Tracey Patterson, Donnie Spurell’s sister, Barbara; Glenn Myers’ cousin, Heather; Joy’s friend, Ginger; Peggy Callison’s son, Orion; Sandy Wilson’s aunt, Connie Perry; Doris Hall’s aunt, Mildred Rutherford, and Doris’ good friend, Becky.

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.

Calendar for September 29 - October 6

Sunday, Sept 29	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Youth meeting “Choose to be Faithful”
Monday, Sept 30	11:15 a.m.	Lemonade - Care & Concern
	1:00 p.m.	Maxine Howell - visitation
	2:00 p.m.	Maxine Howell Memorial
Tuesday, Oct. 1	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study - Central Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship meeting
Wednesday, Oct.2	Central Life distributed	
Thursday, Oct. 3	1:30 p.m.	Widows’ Grief Group
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner & Study of Psalms
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Sunday, Oct. 6	10:30 a.m.	Meals on Wheels delivery
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education (Zoom)
Sunday, Oct. 6	World Communion Sunday - Peace & Global Witness Offering	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Central Hall
	11:00 a.m.	NO Youth Meeting - Fall Break
	Blessing of the Animals Services -Parking Lot	
	2:20 p.m., 3:00 p.m. & 3:40 p.m.	

Wednesday Night Dinner menu will be Baked Spaghetti with fruit, bread, salad and dessert.



Blessing of the Animals - You may bring your pet with you as long as you have them either on a leash or in a carrier or cage, or you can bring a picture of your pet(s) to be blessed. There will be three opportunities for blessing services.

Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot on 10/27 between 3:30 - 5 p.m. This year we will have a food truck available!



Halloween on Euclid will be held from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. at the end of the alley on Euclid October 31. Wear your costume and have fun distributing bags of candy and information about our church.

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

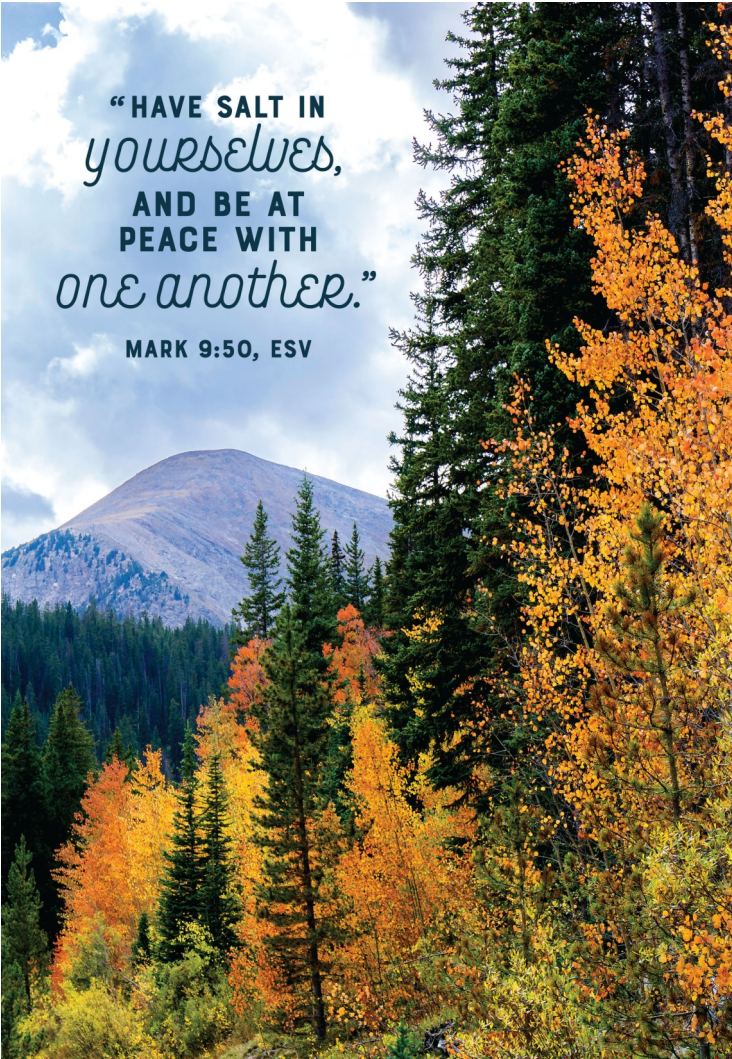
CHURCH STAFF

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

Sound
Youth & Young Adult
Administrative Assistant
Financial Director
Kitchen Coordinator
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Ann Aichinger
Robert Campbelle
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Lee Budd, Jack Wagner, Mike Vollmer,
John Dodge, Robert Campbelle
Steve Clark and Mike Vollmer
Josie Russell
Kim Profitt
Kim Profitt
Jeremy Kline
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“HAVE SALT IN
yourselves,
AND BE AT
PEACE WITH
one another.”
MARK 9:50, ESV

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