

Order of Worship  
Sunday, February 23, 2025  
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

*Simple Gifts*

Held

Introit

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Lemmel

- \* Call to Worship: (Responsively)  
Let us trust in the LORD and do good  
That we may live in the land and enjoy security.  
**Let us take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give us the desires of our heart.**  
Do not be fretful about the evil in the world  
Or that the wicked prosper.  
**For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.**  
Let us commit our way to the LORD;  
trusting in him that he will act accordingly.  
**Let us be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;**  
For our salvation is from the Lord;  
**God is our refuge in times of trouble.**

- \* Opening Hymn #733 *We All Are One in Mission*  
**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

**We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same;  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

- \* Call to Confession  
\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
**Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to  
have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love  
them. But we find ourselves trapped into the illusion offered by the  
false gods of the world: of prosperity and materialism, exclusivity  
and being independent. We forget that the love you call us to share  
is inclusive, community building, and looks out for the good of all**

**people. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that  
we might learn to love as you love and live as people who are  
claimed as your own children. We seek your mercy in the name of  
the one who loves us, Jesus Christ. 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

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Beck

Sermon

Leading in Love

Ann Aichinger

Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

- \* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) (from the Brief Statement of Faith)  
**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**  
**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
of every race and people to live as one community.**  
**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**  
**Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**  
**We deserve God's condemnation.**  
**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**  
**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**  
**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**  
**Loving us still, God makes us heirs  
with Christ of the covenant.**  
**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

### 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 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hustad

- \* 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 #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*  
**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to re-shape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

- \* Charge and Benediction  
\* Response *God Be With You till We Meet Again* Williams/Rankin  
**God be with you till we meet again.  
Loving counsels guide uphold you;  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

*St. Anthony's Chorale*

Haydn

**Pastoral Concerns:**



- \*Jean Thomason with ongoing health issues;
- \* Marvin Tadlock is home recovering from wrist surgery;
- \* Joy Briggs is home recovering from knee surgery;
- \* Barbara Mann is home recovering from surgery;
- \* Jim Otis is at home recovering from his leg surgery;
- \* Glen Van Dyke is continuing to recover at home;
- \* Sasha Moha is working in the North Pacific on a ship for 3 months;
- \* Makenzie Self, grand-daughter of Diana White;
- \* Sherry Wilson, Sandy’s sister-in-law, is in rehab;
- \* Alderman family as they continue to travel twice a week to Knoxville for Wes’ medical appointments;
- \* Rich Williams is continuing treatments.

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 February 23 - March 2**

Sunday, Feb.23	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Healing Service in Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Youth meeting
Monday, Feb. 24	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study - Perkins ex 7
Wednesday, Feb. 26	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Baked potato & chili
	6:00 p.m.	Program - Backpacks
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Friday, Feb. 28	9:00 a.m.	Gamers at Caldwell home
Sunday, March 2	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Central Hall
<b>Communion</b>	11:00 a.m.	Youth meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Annual Meeting

**We will have the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 2 after worship. Please remain seated after worship on that day to take part in the life of our church.**

March 5 - Ash Wednesday

**March 9** - Daylight saving time ends!! (Spring forward 1 hour)

**April 11-12** Pictoral Directory pictures will be taken. Please watch for information on how to register for a time to have your sitting. Pictures will also be available for purchase after your sitting.

April 13 - Palm Sunday

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

April 18 - Good Friday

April 20 - Easter Sunday

**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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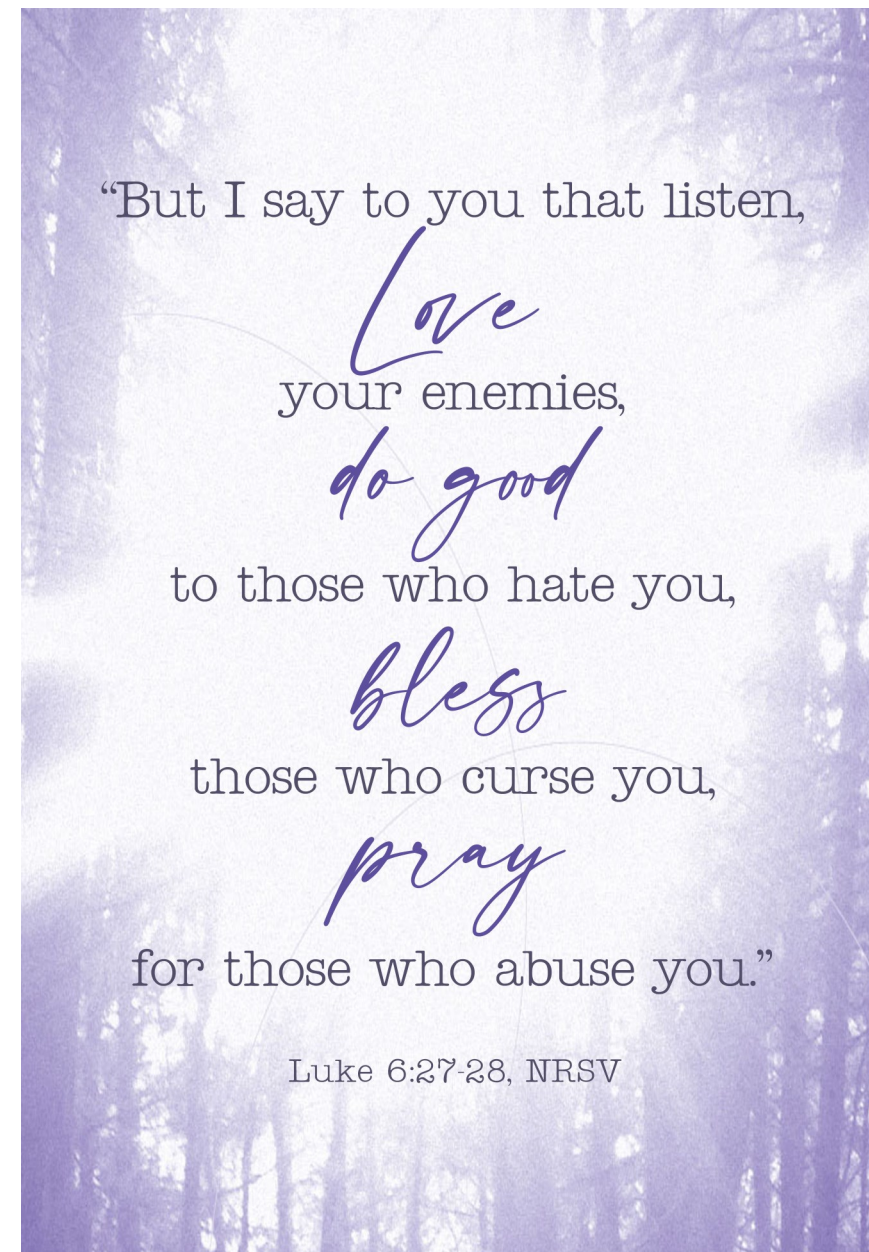
- Pastor**
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- Organist-Emerita**
- Sanctuary Choir**
- Praise and Worship Band**
- Social Media Coordinator**
- Recording /Technology**
- Sound**
- Youth & Young Adult**
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- Financial Director**
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“But I say to you that listen,

*Love*  
your enemies,  
*do good*

to those who hate you,

*bless*

those who curse you,

*pray*

for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

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