

Order of Worship
Sunday, May 18, 2025
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

* All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512

Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Jesus, Name Above All Names / Alleluia* Hearn/Sinclair
arr. Campbelle

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Majesty* Hayford

* Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
**Our souls long, yes, faint for the courts of the Lord;
our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest,
where she may lay her young at your altars, O Lord of hosts.
**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
and who sing your praise!**
Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.
**For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
He gives favor and honor to the righteous.**
The Lord does good for those who walk uprightly.
**We come to worship our God who is faithful
From the beginning to the end!**

* Hymn #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
through the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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* Call to Confession
* Prayer of Confession (Unison)
**Gracious God, we gather with hearts full of gratitude, thanking You
for the many years that have brought us to this moment. We
remember the faithful who have gone before us, who built this
community with their prayers, their service, and their love. We give
thanks for their sacrifices, for their vision, and for their obedience
to Your call. But, Lord, as we look back, we also confess that we
have not always walked in the footsteps of those who lived faithfully
before us. Forgive us when we have failed to nurture and share
Your love, and have become too comfortable with our own ways.
We ask for Your grace to cleanse us, and Your strength to guide us
forward into a joyful future. We seek Your mercy and grace in the
name of the One who came to us in Love, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.** (Silence)

* Assurance of Pardon
...friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Congregational Photo - please gather in the front for a picture
* 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 *Come, Servants of God* Campbelle
Rourke Gearing, trumpet
(see insert for lyrics)

Sermon A Faithful Past Leads to a Joyful Future Rev. Ann Aichinger
Historical Reflection Mr. Ed Whitehead
Scripture Lamentations 3: 22-26
Hebrews 13: 1-8

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles’ Creed
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and Earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 *Just As I Am* arr. Johnson

* 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

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Receive the body of Christ given for you. **Remember Jesus.**

Receive the cup of salvation. **Remember Jesus.**

Communion Music *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here* Dixon
Prayer after Communion

Sending Out

* Hymn #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
(see insert for lyrics)

* Charge and Benediction

* Response *Prayer of Devotion (Open My Eyes)* Dengler

* Postlude *Come, Labor On* Burkhardt

Pastoral Concerns:

* Briggs Allen is recovering from eye surgery;
* Mary Wampler is home, recovering from knee surgery;
* Josie Russell has medical issues;
* Jean Thomason has ongoing health issues;
* Retta Vance is recovering from her broken foot;
* Sasha Moha is heading back to the Bering Sea to work;
* Vicki Myers has medical issues.

Continued Prayers for:

Wes Alderman and family, Nancy Arnold, Joy & Guy Briggs, Randy
Broyles, Doris Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, C.J.
Lewis, Barbara Mann, Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Archer Parsons,
Marvin Tadlock, Ed Updyke, Glen Van Dyke, Rich Williams, and
Linda Wise.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to:
Friends and family of Caroline Jones, our oldest member, who died on April 27. Her memorial service will be in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, her family has asked for contributions to Central Presbyterian Church.

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 May 18 - 25		
Sunday, May 18	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary - Communion
	11:30 a.m.	150th Anniversary Luncheon hosted by the Harmon Estate
Monday, May 19	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Perkins exit 7
	6:00 p.m.	APPLE committee meeting
Tuesday, May 20	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
	Wednesday, May 21	Central Life Delivered
	1:30 a.m.	Widows' Grief Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, May 22	6:00 p.m.	APPLE Graduation
Friday, May 23	9:00 a.m.	Gamers at Caldwell home
Saturday, May 24	1:30 p.m.	Caroline Jones' memorial
Sunday, May 25	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship -Central Hall

We have a staffed nursery available for babies & toddlers today.

Backpack Mission Sponsors

Thank you to the following families who have sponsored backpack children!

Patty & Tommy Caldwell	Ken Moss
Mary Wampler	Cathy Moss
Josie Russell	Carol Duhaime
Laraine & Doug Williams	Ed & Betty Whitehead
Jean Thomason	Charles Rest
Ann Aichinger	Laurel Broadfoot
Tim Landis	William Broadfoot
Ann Landis	Joy Briggs
Kimberly Profitt	



Please join us after worship in Central Hall for a catered meal sponsored by the Harmon Estate.

Flowers in the Sanctuary and in Central Hall are in honor of Eugene & Linda Waldron and are given by Mike Ellis.

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
QR Code: Use to connect to the website and the “Give Online” link.



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