



The Call

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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October 17, 2023

Sermon Title and Scriptures

October 22, 2023

Philippians 2:1-13

"Same Mind"

Sermon Title and Scripture

October 29, 2023

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

"Not to...But to"

Upcoming in our Church

As Fall is now upon us and the weather is starting to cool down, our church calendar is quickly filling up. We invite everyone to join us, each and every Sunday, as we prepare for Advent, the birth of Christ, and the new year. But, the Sundays before all of that are special as well.

In the month of November we celebrate God's saints, and remember God's call on our lives and our responsibility as stewards of all God's creation. While we are so glad that many are taking advantage of our Live Stream each week, we miss those faces in and among everyone else's face on a Sunday Morning in our pews. Our community is wide reaching and always will be together, no matter where everyone is, but it is always nice to be in fellowship with one another on Sunday morning. Being surrounded by all our friends and neighbors enhances our worship service and reminds us of God's love for all people.

We hope to see you on Sunday mornings as we hear the word of God spoken to all.



Stewardship Sundays

From **BREAD** and **CUP** to **FAITH** and **GIVING**

November 12, 19, 26

Congregational Concerns

Sharon Lowry **Charles Marshall** Ada Jones Greg Walton Cheryl Horton Jim & Elaine Spradlin
 Kitty Manary Wilma Frazier Lisa Lynch Ginger Williamson Virginia Thomas Howard McCoy
 Glendon Walker Mike & Robin Shirley, Friends of Ray & Sharon Lowry Vicky Claborn Paula Walton
 Annie Anderson, Daughter of Charlie & Carol Mabry Gary Wright Rebecca Ebert, Daughter of Ray & Sharon Lowry
 Patty Soukup Rex Biggs Frank & Pat Dodd Betty Jo Gardner Duane & Dana Powell
 Lynda McCoy Gloria Brown and family Steve Vestal Victoria McIlwain Dan Hicks Jean Hagerman
 Winnie Young Don Nix Greg & Teresa Turso Robert & Beth Taylor William Francis Shirley Potter
 Evelyn Looney Nan Olmsted Paul Martin James Willingham Barb Rossetter Karen Hahn
 Karen Sunderwirth Diana Criger Zach D., Friend of Jayden W. Tammy Larimore, friend of Carol Pyles
 Joyce Prince, sister of Wilma Frazier Barbara Richardson & Leslie Clements, mother & sister of Vicky Claborn
 Scott Biggs, son of Marilyn (Starnes) & Rex Biggs *(Please notify the office when a concern can be removed)*

**Livestream our Sunday morning
 service—starting at 9:30—at
www.centralchristianspringfield.org.
 Connect with us on social media:**



SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel at
Central Christian, Springfield, MO



LIKE us on Facebook at
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FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

10/8/2023

General Fund
 Contributions: \$1,937.00
 Attendance: 78
 Online service views: 46*

10/15/2023

General Fund
 Contributions: \$3,468.00
 Attendance: 66
 Online service views: 37*

*As of 10/17/2023

	<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>	<u>November 5</u>
Elders	Larry Graham Shirley Musser	Linda Zweerink Cheryl Horton	Marilynn West Gary Morris
Deacon Team Leader	Everett French	Patsy Tipton	Bill Fischer
Invocation and Offering	Kay Parrish		Ginger Williamson
Communion & Fellowship Prep.	Bob & Dorothy Thurman	Everett & Carolyn Deeds	Darrell & Linda Zweerink
Usher			
Greeter	Ginger Williamson		



The Choir Loft

On October 28, 1978, I began my first job as a church music director. The 45 years that have elapsed since that day have not gone where I envisioned. In those days I was Southern Baptist and was certain I would always be Southern Baptist. However, sometimes life gets in the way and things veer off in directions I never imagined. Rather than remain a Southern Baptist, I have worked in United Methodist, American Baptist, Presbyterian Church USA, and now The Disciples of Christ.

During these 45 years I've conducted over 2200 choir anthems, conducted approximately 100 major works with orchestra, traveled coast to coast and border to border with youth choirs, taken adult choirs and bell choirs on regional trips, led roughly 10,000 hours of rehearsals, stated then reiterated the page we are practicing 400,000 times, sung funerals counting in the hundreds, worked with 16 pastors, written 2000+ newsletter articles, sat in 5000+ hours of meetings, spent 4500+ hours trying to figure out what they were talking about in those meetings, participated in 5600 or so worship services (I spent years in churches that had multiple services each week), worked with 30 staff pianist/organists, and selected and led 8500+ hymns.

However, those numbers do not tell the full story about what 45 years of music ministry is about. It has been my focus for every day of these years to use music to help people make connection with God, with others, and with themselves. The music I select for choir is often more challenging than the music some might select, but there is a reason for that. I feel the music used in worship should be of the highest quality whether it be hymns, anthems, solos, or instrumental ensemble. We need music with the depth of substance to help us express our innermost thoughts, desires, and joys.

Finally, serving Central Christian in Springfield is genuinely a pleasure. This church is supportive and kind and makes one feel appreciated. That is not always the case in churches. As Central Christian will most likely be my last stop on the music ministry caravan, although I hope that stop is a distance away, I want to thank you for being a part of this excursion. As a team, let us look forward boldly, using music as a catalyst for substantive expressions of worship.

Marvin

Around the Church

The work on our playground has been completed!

You might see the yellow tape and question that statement, but it is only there to let the equipment fully get set in the ground.



Celebrations!!!



October

10/01 – Carolyn Deeds

10/2 – Vicky Claborn

10/3 – Bailey Deeds

10/6 – Ian Frazier

10/7 – Sandy Wingo

10/8 – Luther Young,
Elizabeth

Bermond

10/9 – Stephen Powell

10/12 – Michael

Penland

10/15 – Bob Thurman

10/16 – JB McCoy

10/17 – Bob Newman

10/19 – Isaac Thomas

10/20 – Anna Marie
Walker

10/23 – Virginia
Thomas

10/24 – Lisa Monkres

10/26 – Maryann
Wakefield

10/27 – Bob Lynch,
Betty Roberts

10/29 – Julie Ferguson

10/31 – Paula Walton



November

11/2 – David Claborn,
Kylie Criger

11/3 – Becki Kelley

11/10 – Lynda McCoy

11/14 – Crystal Lynch,
Jim Patton

11/17 – Jennifer Ewert

11/18 – Ann Schultz

11/20 – Patricia
Patterson

11/23 – Tyler Habiger,
Karen Hicks,
Jason Lee

11/25 – Pat Chapman

11/26 – Carolyn
Condict,
Nancy Morris

11/29 – Jan Bass,
Arlene Spangler

11/30 – Helen Gunther

FOR SUNDAY MORNING

There are still some Sunday mornings where we need some assistance to help with our fellowship and our worship service.

If you would like to help us on a Sunday morning, please pick an open Sunday on the list outside of the church office and place your name. This is a wonderful way to help on a Sunday morning, to interact with everyone in our church, and to participate in our worship service.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office and we will answer any, and all, you might have.

OCTOBER 22



OCTOBER 29



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Specially prepared for:

God's Beloved Child



Ministry Team

Bill Fischer, Board Moderator
Rev. Geoff Weinman, Minister
Marvin Murphree, Music Director
Vicky Claborn, Organist/Pianist
Shirley Musser, Visitation Director
Joyce Thomas, Children & Youth Director
Curtis Thomas, JYF/Chi Rho Shepherd
Ken Hillen, Church Caretaker

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Sunday Mornings

9:30 am Worship,
in person and via our
Livestream

10:45 am Fellowship

**11:00 am Sunday
School**