

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Commitment Sunday

August 27, 2017

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Classic Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

Dr. Jan Davis

Opening Voluntary

Praise to the Lord

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

* Call to Worship

Dr. Steve Pulliam

Pastor: Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**People: We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**

Pastor: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**People: Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and truth.

People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

* Hymn 73

O Worship the King

LYONS

* Affirmation of Faith 881 (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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Gloria Patri 70

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Anthem

(8:30)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Andrew Baker, oboe

arr. James Curnow

(10:45)

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Chancel Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

Sacrament of Baptism 39 (10:45)

Banks Markham Thompson

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not always pure and holy, apart from the cleansing we have received from Christ's sacrifice. We confess that too often Christ is hidden in us by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up.

Open our eyes that we may see you in the ones we love. Open our ears that we may be quicker to listen than to speak. Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil. And open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way. Amen.

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Giving our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

arr. Dale Wood

* Doxology 95

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Hymn 415

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

* Sermon Text

Mark 8:34-38

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Not Ashamed of Christ

Dr. Jan Davis

* Presentation of Commitment Cards

At this time, we invite you and your family members to come forward to place your Commitment Card into the large bowl. Returning to your pews, please join us in singing the following hymns.

Hymns of Commitment (While seated in your pews, please sing the following hymns.)

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What Gift Can We Bring

ANNIVERSARY SONG

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Maker, in Whom We Live

DIADEMATA

* Prayer of Blessing & Benediction

* Closing Voluntary

We Thank Thee God, We Thank Thee

Sinfonia to Cantata No. 29

J.S. Bach

(1685-1750)

(*) The asterisk indicates to please stand, as you are able.

Central UMC Pastors:

Dr. Jan Davis, Dr. Steve Pulliam, Rev. Carl Palmer, Rev. Greg Gibson
Rev. Emily Burch - College Pastor; Rev. Jody Farrell - Genesis Campus Pastor
Dr. Jack Wilson - Pastor Emeritus; Rev. Tony Holifield - Pastor Emeritus

Director of Music and Worship Arts: Dr. Frode Gundersen

Associate Director of Music/Organist: Scott Montgomery

Acolyte: (8:30) Henry Hanes & Caroline Tallmadge

(10:45) Victor Blasingame & Emma Harvey

Sound/Video: Sam Thomas

TRAVEL WITH FRODE & SCOTT TO THE BALTICS & SWEDEN IN JUNE 2018!

Frode Gundersen, Director of Music and Scott Montgomery, Organist/Associate Music Director will be leading a musical tour to Latvia, Estonia, and Sweden June 11-21, 2018. Join the fun!

They are currently taking registrations for both singers and non-singers alike.

For more information and a brochure, please contact either Frode or Scott!

To register immediately online, go to www.stcecilia.co.

Registration Closing for Fall Classes

There is only one day left to sign up for fall classes. We have a great line-up of classes designed to help you make lasting relationships and grow in the Body of Christ. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity for fellowship. For a full list of classes go to centraltolife.com/fallclasses.

Lunch Buddies

Adults are invited to become a 'buddy' with a student at Asbell Elementary School in Fayetteville. These buddies will be assigned a child and eat lunch with them at the school on a regular basis during the school year. This time helps to form a friendship that speaks love and acceptance into the life of the student. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, at 11:30 in Wesley 310. Lunch will be provided! Contact Melanie Faught at melaniefaught@cox.net or 479-200-4829 for more information.

CSM Lock-In

CSM is hosting the Jr. & Sr. High Fall Lock-In on September 15-16. The doors open at 9 p.m. and we'll lock ourselves in until 7 a.m. the next morning. It won't cost you a thing. We'll embark on a sleepless night full of shenanigans and silly sleep-deprived conversations! It'll be a night to remember, so come join us! Register online at centraltolife.com/studentevents.

Bikes, Blues & BBQ Outreach

September 22 & 23, Central will be one of the first sights that 400,000 guests to Fayetteville see as they roll down Dickson Street and we want to welcome them with the love of Christ. We will be handing out cold bottles of water as well as offering free bike parking on our surface lots. You can volunteer by signing up online at centraltolife.com. Volunteers can sign up for two-hour slots, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

Good SAM Pantry

The Good S.A.M. pantry item for the month of September is canned fruit. Bring your donation items to the church and place them in the white bins located throughout our campus. Good S.A.M. is a great way to help families in need!

GoodTimers at Ozark Folk Center

Join the GoodTimers for a day trip to the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, on Thursday, September 14. See pottery making, candle making, jewelry casting, corn shucking and much more! There will also be a tour of the village and a one hour presentation of "Life in the Ozarks." Cost is \$40, non-refundable, which includes park entrance fee, box lunch, evening buffet and transportation on a chartered bus. Registration is required at centraltolife.com/goodtimers.

A Dollar Makes a Difference

Every dollar bill you place in the offering plate will go to one of Central's missions to be determined this fall.