



Central Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2021

Masks are required while in the buildings until further notice.

*Responses to messages left at the church office will be delayed;
please email or text when possible.*

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Invitation to Inreach (Fellowship/Care)!



Wednesday Live @ 5

The sanctuary is open for this music offering!
Masks are required.

Hymn and prayer requests are welcome!

Live stream on Facebook at 5 or view recording
anytime.

Interested in Kitchen Events?

If you like fellowship and are handy in the kitchen, please join our group and contact Melissa Rhoden by [email](#) or by calling 254-722-2678

Invitation to Outreach

The residents of the Compassion Ministries apartment sponsored by Central graduated successfully. Laura Clifton restocked the apartment for a new family to take residence. We are now sponsoring a mother, her 21 year old, 8 year old, and 1 year old. Now that the apartment has been restocked, CPC's cupboard is bare and the pantry needs to be replenished. The Outreach Team will be hosting a shower in January with a full wishlist. At this time, if you would like to donate non-perishable food items or cleaning supplies, please contact [Laura](#) or [Angela](#) or bring the items to church.



This summer the Outreach Team enjoyed a baseball-mom shopping trip to help Waco Eastern Little League get some much needed equipment. During that process we learned that there were many repairs needed to the complex. The simplest was new signage. This week we celebrated a new sign! We'll be campaigning to have the parking lot repaved and the t-ball field updated next. Continue to pray for our city leaders, the Parks and Recreation department, the baseball moms, and the children who play at that complex.

Save the Date!!

Sunday, November 14th, CPCWaco will participate in the
2021 CROP Hunger Walk
benefitting Church World Service and Caritas.

Please join our team by signing up [here](#).
We will walk beginning at 3pm in Bledsoe Miller Park.



Contact [Denyse](#) for more information!

Invitation to Upreach!

CPCWaco Hybrid Worship

Getting Ready to Follow Jesus!

Meet , Greet, and Worship via [Zoom](#) (click to join anytime 9:10-11:45am);
worship live (at 10:45am, or anytime convenient for you) on [Facebook](#);
or come in-person (masked) to worship in the Sanctuary.

Welcome - Announcements - Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship (borrowing from hymn #174, Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom)

Come and seek the ways of Sophia Wisdom, who danced when Earth was new.

We follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.

Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.

When the Word takes root and ripens,

Peace and righteousness embrace!

Opening Prayer

Sophia Wisdom, come, assist us. Nurture all who seek re-birth. Spirit Guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to become your people, holy friends of Christ and Earth. Speak to us and mold our hearts, guide us in every endeavor, and bring through Christ-in-us true Peace on Earth. Amen.

Hymn Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me GTG, no. 703 v.1-2 Hymnal, no. 366,

Jesus, thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to the entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (borrowing from hymn # 417, Lord Jesus, Think on Me)

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions, pain and misery—hear my cry. Lord, guide my eye and help me see even the ones I would deny—the hungry, naked, poor, or just different from me.

(time for silent personal confessions)

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 9:30-37

Time With Young Disciples

Hymn Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! GTG, no. 839 v.1 Hymnal, no. 341, v.1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Scripture James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Sermon Gentleness Born of Wisdom

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Call for Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn The Church of Christ in Every Age GTG, no. 320, v. 1,5

Hymnal, no. 421

The church of Christ in every age,
Beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

**We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Concerns

- for people caught in times of war or famine, earthquake, hurricane, tornado or fire;
 - for the Riley's grand-niece, Luna, who is still courageously battling through her cancer treatments;
 - for Virginia, Martha, Les and Joyce, Char, Sara, Billie Kathryn and Carl, Rita and Ken, David R's mother, and others ill or recovering who are needing healing, strength, and comfort;
 - Families of our members and former staff who recently passed away: Carl Carson, [Doris Fugate](#), [Melissa Perry](#)
 - for all who sorrow, and for those who rejoice;
 - for those in need of healing, and for those called to heal;
 - for any called to carry the Good News in word or deed;
 - for guidance, strength, open-mindedness and kindness;
 - for all involved in systems of education and health and pandemic relief;
 - for our congregation to sense God's presence, strength, and Call to serve; and
 - for everyone born, a place at the table!
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Seeds for Contemplation

Consider the Lilies of the Field (Matt. 6:28)

These words of Jesus are part of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). Two other phrases that may be familiar in this part of the Sermon are “Do not be anxious about your life”, and “The eye is the lamp of the body.”

Anxiety. Eyes. Lilies.

We worry about many things and would have no difficulty creating a list – perhaps a long list. We live in anxious times for sure.

Anxious worry is a closed, internal system. Thoughts and emotions loop round and round, over and over, until they take over our inner life. We might say anxiety clouds our vision. Even blocks our vision.

The eyes are a lamp... The eyes let light in from the outside, connecting us to the rest of the world.

“Look at the birds of the air... Consider the lilies of the field.” We usually take these words as an object lesson, an exhortation not to worry. And that is part of the meaning. Jesus' words, though, have many layers, many rooms to explore.

What if Jesus is simply saying, Look! Consider! Behold! Maybe he's giving us more than an object lesson. Something other than another thought to run through the loop. Stop. Look... at the lilies. The birds. The Creation. What awesome wonder! What a miraculous ecosystem we are blessed to be part of. Let some light in. And let this Light push the dark, anxious loop into the far corner of the room.

David Rodgers

Celebrating Birthdays

Sara Alexander - September 17

Ruth Oodo - September 23

Randy Castillo - September 26

Judith March Hardie - September 28

Morgan Williams - September 29

Nancy Jackson - September 30

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!

We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)

