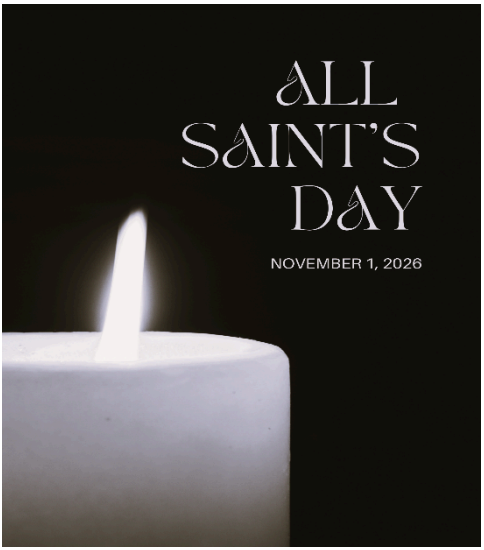
November 1, 2026
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Central
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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We are a community of believers, called by God to grow in the knowledge and teaching of Christ, to share the love of Christ with all, and to respond with compassion to the needs of our changing world. Christ welcomes everyone, no matter where you are in your faith and life journey. In faithfulness to our understanding of Christ, Central Presbyterian Church affirms the full inclusion of all God's people in the life and ministry of the church. We love persons of all races, ages, genders, ethnicities, sexualities, family and economic status. We welcome everyone into full participation in our faith community.

Welcome to the church we love! As Terre Haute's first established congregation we maintain a 199-year tradition of service to God. We pray you will encounter the Spirit in worship with us.

Families are encouraged to worship together in the sanctuary. The nursery is available for children 0-4 years of age. We have placed children's activity bags and other coloring materials on the south wall near the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available downstairs at the northeast corner of the building for ages birth through three years. Please do not hesitate to ask our ushers any questions you may have. Again, welcome!

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

God's People Gather

Prelude *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Grand Isle

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Minutes for Mission

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

One: God has been our dwelling place
in every generation.
**All: We gather to worship the God
who holds us all in love.**
One: We give thanks for those who have helped us
know and follow Christ.
**All: We join our voices with the saints
of every time and place.**
One: Jesus calls us to lives of humility and service.
**All: Let us worship God and learn to love
our neighbors.**

*Hymn #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
ein' feste burg

Procession of the Ribbon Banner

Litany for All Saints Remembrance

One: God of every generation, we give you thanks
for those we love who have died
and now rest in your care.
**All: We remember the people who helped us
know your love, who made room for us,
who challenged us to grow,
and who showed us what it means to serve.**

One: Their lives have helped shape our lives.
Their love and work are woven into this

congregation and into the communities we call home.

All: **We miss them. We carry gratitude and grief together, trusting that you hold them and us in a love that death cannot overcome.**

One: Surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, help us live the faith we have received. Teach us to use what you have entrusted to us to love our neighbors, to stand with those who are overlooked, and to serve with humility and courage.

All: **Through Jesus Christ, who has gone before us and walks with us still. Amen.**

All Saints Remembrance

Mr. Paul Edgerton – December 2, 2025

Mrs. Donna Wilson – December 10, 2025

Mrs. Monica Hawkins – December 26, 2025

Mrs. Margaret Tamar – April 26, 2026

Mrs. Elinor Cleveland – May 26, 2026

Mr. Fred Rubey – July 18, 2026

Special Music *Pie Jesu* A. L. Webber

Steve Mead & Nate Chenette

God calls us to Confession and Forgiveness

*Call to Confession

One: Jesus calls us to practice the faith we profess. When we examine our lives, we find places where our words and actions do not agree. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Confession of Sin

All: **Merciful God, you call us to love and serve,
yet we sometimes lose sight
of one another's needs.
Forgive us when we fall short.
Help us listen with care,
share what you have entrusted to us,
and follow Jesus with humility.
May our life together reflect your love.
Amen.**

(Pause for silent reflection.)

The waters of baptism remind us that, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and claimed as God's own. We pour water into the baptismal font just before the Assurance of Pardon as a visible reminder of God's promise of forgiveness and new life.

*Assurance of Pardon

One: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us
and makes us new. Believe the good news:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Response *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI

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.

*The Peace

One: We receive Christ's peace and share it,
welcoming one another in God's love.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word of God

Children's Lesson — Joy Sutter

Childcare Birth to 4 years old is provided during the service in the nursery downstairs. We warmly welcome our children into worship and look forward to sharing prayer, song, and sacred moments together as one community of faith.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading — Micah 3:5-12

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets
who lead my people astray,
who cry "Peace"
when they have something to eat,
but declare war against those
who put nothing into their mouths.
Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision,
and darkness to you, without revelation.
The sun shall go down upon the prophets,
and the day shall be black over them;
the seers shall be disgraced,
and the diviners put to shame;
they shall all cover their lips,
for there is no answer from God.
But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the spirit of the Lord,
and with justice and might,

to declare to Jacob his transgression
and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel,
who abhor justice
and pervert all equity,
who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with wrong!
Its rulers give judgment for a bribe,
its priests teach for a price,
its prophets give oracles for money;
yet they lean upon the LORD and say,
"Surely the LORD is with us!
No harm shall come upon us."
Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,
"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat;
therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it;
but do not do as they do,
for they do not practice what they teach.
They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,
and lay them on the shoulders of others;
but they themselves are unwilling
to lift a finger to move them.
They do all their deeds to be seen by others;
for they make their phylacteries broad
and their fringes long.
They love to have the place of honor at banquets
and the best seats in the synagogues,
and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,

and to have people call them rabbi.
But you are not to be called rabbi,
for you have one teacher, and you are all students.
And call no one your father on earth,
for you have one Father—the one in heaven.
Nor are you to be called instructors,
for you have one instructor, the Messiah.
The greatest among you will be your servant.
All who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

SERMON *Leadership Troubles* Rev. Dr. Mark Miller

HYMN #320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
(vs. 1-3, 5)

WAREHAM

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Precious Memories* J. B. F. Wright

*DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, our creator…

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord…

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine…

And now, with the confidence
of the children of God,
let us pray together:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of the Elements

(All the bread being served during Communion today is gluten free.)

Prayer After Communion

GOD'S PEOPLE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Fugato* SINE NOMINE

Liturgist: Cheri Bradley
Hosts: Sinwon Racop & Nancy Rubey

Attendance: 82

CALENDAR

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in sanctuary
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship time
	5:30 p.m.	Highpoint Youth at Central
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Chair Yoga in fellowship hall
	7:30 p.m.	Bible study and brew at Moggers
Thurs.	2:00 p.m.	Women's Book Club in fellowship hall

For updated information please consult the main church calendar, which may be found online at our church website (www.thcpc.org).

Check us out on Facebook

Holy Conversations: Our Story, Our Church, Our Future
Sunday, November 15 | Following worship | Fellowship Hall

What happened during our former pastor's ministry and departure affected people at Central in different ways. Some have shared their experiences. Others have questions or have had little opportunity to talk about what this time meant for them.

On November 15, we will gather to establish a shared understanding of what happened, listen to one another, and consider what we can learn as a congregation. We do not all

have the same experiences or perspectives. Making room for those differences is part of the work of building trust and strengthening our life together.

The gathering will include a brief presentation and guided conversation around tables. You are welcome to speak, ask questions, or simply listen. Your presence matters.

Worship will be shortened that morning. Lunch will be provided, and the gathering will last an hour and a half. Please plan to stay and take part in this important conversation about Central's life together.

Adult Sunday School-Taught by Rachael Spencer

Gary Chapman the author of *The 5 Love Languages* breaks down how to build an adult-to-adult bridge through proactive validation rather than correction. He covers the critical step of a parent identifying their past micromanaging mistakes, offering a sincere apology, and shifting to a posture of pure, unconditional encouragement. This class will have a short video and then discussion. Plan to join in and grow in your relationships with your kids or glean something for other relationships you have. 9:30am in the parlor room upstairs across from the elevator.

GREENING THE AVENUES

Our church has been awarded a grant of $ 29,600 from Faith in Place as part of its Tree Canopy and Workforce Community Grant program. In early to mid-November, seventy eight native trees will be planted by Mascari Landscaping in a nearby neighborhood.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment to help eradicate Systemic Poverty and dismantle Structural Racism, this project will focus on a neighborhood between 4th and 6th Avenues, from 13th to 19th Street. The trees will provide shade, beauty, and health benefits for generations of residents, and the planting and ongoing care will support job opportunities at the landscaping company contracted to execute the project.

We are grateful for the extensive support, expertise, and guidance of the City of Terre Haute's Office of Urban Forestry: Ana Erazzo, Urban Forester; and Jane Santucci.

For more information, talk to Andrew Conner.

Current Elders

Andrew Conner, Corrine Foree, Susan Moulton, Bill Green, Beth Christ, Alan Harder, Susan Hoffman, Steve Mead, Rachael Spencer, Henry Conner, Phil Farmer, Susan Bough, Lynn Biggs, Kyle Kershaw, Eileen Whalen

Current Deacons

Mary Horneker, Gail Nattkemper, Joe Biggs, Kirsten Ford, Pam McKinney, Nancy Edgerton, Teddy Perry, Brad Bough, John Moulton, Patricia Smith

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Mark Miller, Transitional Pastor
Mrs. Sarah Kelsheimer, Secretary
Mrs. Joy Sutter, Christian Educator/Interim Youth Director
Mrs. Ellie Templeton, Communications Coordinator
Dr. Mark Carlisle, Choir Director
Mr. Steve McCullough, Organist
Mr. Alvin Stinnett, Caretaker

Prayers for the Week

Morning

God of all seasons, in the midst of autumn
we are aware of the earth
holding the seeds from summer
for next year's planting.
Thank you for the cycles of life and death,
through which you renew
your creation and your people.
On this All Saints' Day,
we thank you for the lives of the faithful
who have gone before us,
providing the seeds for us to grow
in faith and witness.
Guide us to take stock of our own lives,
that we may leave a rich legacy
of faith, hope, love, and justice
for generations to follow. Amen.
-- Victoria G. Curtiss

Evening

So many shades of gold
Autumn
Another miracle we take for granted
Another expression of the artist's vision
The blending of the autumn hues
with the setting sun
Warm
Comforting
Perfect
Thank you for autumn, Lord. Amen.

-- Anonymous



Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to be used in decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you would like to order one of these plants, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office.

The cost is $11.00 each. Payment for the plants is to be made when the order is placed.

The poinsettias may be picked up after the candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

POINSETTIAS

I/WE would like to order _____ poinsettias to be used to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas.

_____ Red _____ White

_____ I will pick up my plant after the Christmas Eve service on December 24.

This plant is to be in memory of or in honor of:

_____

Given by:

_____

ORDER DEADLINE: <u>November 15</u>