

Connection Card

Thanks for joining us! If you're visiting we'd love to meet you! Please fill out this card, detach it, and place it in the offering plate.

- 1st Time Guest Return Guest
- Regular Attender Member
- Updating Personal Information

Service attending today:

- 9am 10:45am 5pm

name _____

email _____

phone _____

address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Membership Baptism
- Bible Studies Small Groups
- Children's Ministry
- Service Opportunities
- Other: _____

I would like a pastor to contact me:

- Yes No

This Week @ Central

Learn more at www.centralpres.com/events

Sunday

Worship
9 & 10:45am, 5pm

Sunday School
9 & 10:30am

Greenhouse
Student Center,
6:30pm

Tuesday

Women In Ministry
Fellowship Hall, 9am

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship
Parlor, 12pm
Andrew Dickson,
speaker

EquipCentral
Dinner, 5:30pm
Classes, 6:30pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

Friday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

Ruth Naomi Floyd
Concert
Sanctuary, 7pm

EquipCentral Menu

Randy's Roast Beef
Caesar Salad
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli w/Cheese
Cupcakes

Upcoming Events, News, & More

If you're visiting with us today, welcome! We're really glad you're here. Be sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall on the lower level for coffee or a snack.

Central is hiring! We are adding to both our technology and nursery teams. To learn more, contact Jeff Brown (technology: jeff@centralpres.com) or Christine Vadervoort (nursery: cvandervoort@centralpres.com)!

We would love to pray with you or for you. Use the tear-off panel to the left and drop your requests into the offering plate. Our pastors and elders will pray for you this week! We also offer intercessory prayer immediately after both morning services in the prayer room off the Davis lobby.

Giving online is both safe and easy! You can make one time gifts or create recurring contributions through our website or via the Central Pres app. Give online at www.centralpres.com/give or download the app at centralpres.com/gettheapp.

Volunteering in the church is an easy way to make a big difference. Currently, there are pressing needs for additional

parking team volunteers and elementary (2-5 grades) Sunday school teachers. If you have a heart for people and want to be part of one of these amazing teams, contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777).

Beginning March 8, our EquipCentral class on justice will host ministry leaders from St. Louis who will teach us about people who are especially vulnerable to injustice and oppression in our region and how Christians are seeking to do justice by caring for them. For more information, visit centralpres.com/eqc.


For obvious reasons immigration has been in the news a lot recently. **Did you know Harvest ministers to refugees right here in St. Louis?** The second Saturday of each month, Harvest meets at 8:30am at New City South (3502 Grace Avenue) to go out and help with gardening and/or minor repairs. Want to help? Contact Sara Kramer (sbkramerreliv@mac.com)

If you're new or trying to get plugged in, Kate Spielman would love to help you find the right fit. Contact her today (314-727-2777 or kspielman@centralpres.com)!

To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com



February 19, 2017



Music to Stir Your Heart
Navigating Youth Culture
Prayers Needed

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines...
Isaiah 5:1-2

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Music to Stir Your Heart

Music has the power to move and inspire us. It can fill us with joy and hope, and it can also help us articulate longing and deep sorrow. At its best, music can reflect the divine beauty of the gospel, pointing listeners towards the creativity, beauty, and love of the Lord.

On Friday, February 24, Central is thrilled to welcome gifted vocalist-composer Ruth Naomi Floyd for the next installment of the Central Concert Series. Ms. Floyd has been at the forefront of creating vocal jazz settings that express Christian theology for more than 20 years. The daughter of urban missionaries, she embraces her faith through original jazz that speaks of the Christian's response to contemporary issues.

Critics have praised her music for its distinctive sound of progressive ensemble jazz that seamlessly portrays strong biblical messages of faith in God. Reviewer Alan Bargebuhr said "even a non-believer like myself can readily recognize the authenticity of Ruth Naomi Floyd's transliteration of her Christian faith into a masterful... message." George Harris, in All About Jazz, gushed, "Her spiritual devotion on 'God Is My Shepherd'...simply makes

most other love songs pale by comparison."

Blessed with a soaring mezzo-soprano voice, Ruth Naomi Floyd leads her own multi-faceted ensemble, and her recordings consist primarily of original compositions.

Ms. Floyd has released several CDs and has recorded/performed with many renowned instrumentalists. She is also a committed music educator and in 2016 was appointed as Director of Jazz Studies at Cairn University in Langhorne, PA. In this role, Ms. Floyd directs the jazz studies program, teaches jazz voice and jazz history, coaches combos, and directs the Cairn University gospel choir.

This presentation is part of the 2016-2017 Central Concert Series. These concerts are for the community. In addition to being free, they present the opportunity to connect with others and foster fruitful relationships. We invite you to come and also invite your family, friends, and colleagues, that through our relationships, we might together answer the call to work towards a better future.

Prayers Needed

Central is a "praying church," meaning we firmly believe in the importance and power of prayer. Today we ask you to please join us in praying for EPC pastor Andrew Brunson. Andrew Brunson has been charged in Turkey with membership in a terrorist organization and sent to prison. Brunson, an EPC teaching elder and member of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, had been held without charge in a detention center in Turkey since October 7.

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church firmly believes that Andrew Brunson's detention is unfounded. The Brunsons have absolutely no connection to any armed terrorist organization in the country where he has lived peacefully for more than 20 years and where they raised their three children.

Please pray for Pastor Brunson's release, his family, and also for his captors, that the Lord would change their hearts.

You are also encouraged to consider signing an online petition asking our Federal government to intervene. The petition, and more information on the situation, may be found at www.epconnection.org.

Navigating Youth Culture

How can we help our kids navigate today's youth culture? What do we need to understand about adolescent development to better parent our tweens, teens and twenty somethings? What do my kids need from me and the church?

If you have a young person in your life, you have probably wrestled with these or similar questions. When you consider that 50% of kids raised in Christian homes leave the church during college, these types of questions take on a certain urgency.

On March 2 at 7pm in the Student Center, Dr. Eric Larsen, pastor, missionary, and Executive Director of NEXT, will share his insights gained through nearly 30 years of youth ministry worldwide. This free event is ideal for all parents, grandparents, coaches... anyone who loves and has a heart for ministering to young people.

Space is limited, so registration is required. To sign up or for more info, visit www.centralpres.com/larsen.

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

Monday, February 20

- Numbers 7
- Psalms 23
- Acts 27

Tuesday, February 21

- Numbers 8-9
- Acts 28

Wednesday, February 22

- Numbers 10-11
- Psalms 27
- Mark 1

Thursday, February 23

- Numbers 12-13
- Psalms 90
- Mark 2

Friday, February 24

- Numbers 14-16
- Mark 3

Saturday, February 25

- Numbers 17-18
- Psalms 29
- Mark 4

Sunday, February 26

- Numbers 19-20
- Psalms 28
- Mark 5

PRAYER REQUEST

At Central, we believe in and depend upon the power of prayer. If you have a specific need or concern for which you would like prayer, please describe below, tear off this panel, and drop it in the offering plate. The officers and intercessors covenant to pray for your requests as long as you desire. All requests will be treated as confidential.

Name (optional):

- I would like a pastor or elder to contact me
- Sick or homebound and would like a visit
- I would like a women's intercessor to contact me