

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.

– November 18, 2018 –

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

Service attending today:

- 8:30am 11:15am

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

Prayer
Prayer Room, 8am

Worship
8:30 & 11:15am

Sunday School - All Ages
10am

High School Night
Student Ctr, 6:30pm

Tuesday

Women in Ministry
Fellowship Hall, 9:30am

Wednesday

Men's Fellowship
Parlor, 12pm

EquipCentral
Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

Thursday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

College Gathering
DUC, Wash. U., 8pm

Friday

Women's Study Group
Parlor, 9:30am

Give online!

Text CENTRALPRES to 77977 and make a contribution in about a minute. You can also give online at www.centralpres.com/giving.

Upcoming Events, News, & More

To learn more, visit www.centralpres.com or call 314-727-2777

The annual congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers and at-large members of the ONCC will be on Sunday, December 16 between services.

There will be no Sunday school classes for adults, students, or children on November 25, December 23, or December 30.

You're invited to the Advent celebration on Wednesday, November 28. Kids age 4 to 5th grade are invited to the annual Advent workshop from 4:40-6pm. The hanging of the greens, the annual time when we decorate the church for Christmas, is from 3-5:30pm. Stay for a free dinner at 5:30, followed by the tree lighting, hot cocoa and apple cider, cookies, and, of course, Christmas music.

Central's single moms ministry is holding a Christmas party on December 7 at the home of Tina Holland. For more info, contact Nancy Kay (nskay@me.com).

The annual student ministry Christmas party is Wednesday, December 12 from 5-7pm in the Student Center. Invite your

friends!

Student Ministry is partnering with New City Fellowship to provide a Christmas party for local refugee children on December 8 from 8:30am-12pm. For details, contact Jenn (janderson@centralpres.com).

There's still time to sign up your child to participate in the 5pm Christmas Eve service in either the Angel Choir (grades K-2) or the pageant (grades 3-5). For details or to sign up, please visit www.centralpres.com/pageant.

We're excited to offer children's church during the first service. For children's church, please get a nametag in the Hanley lobby or in the pews. Write your child's name, age, and your cell number on the tag. All children's church kids must have a nametag before leaving the Sanctuary.

Being part of the church by being part of a ministry is a great way to live out the gospel, meet new people, and have a lot of fun. Pastor Ben Tzeng (btzeng@centralpres.com or 314-727-2777) would love to help you find your fit.



November 18, 2018



314.727.2777

communications@centralpres.com

www.centralpres.com

www.facebook.com/CPCStL

A Season for Serving

While we love Central all year long, the holidays are always an extra special season at the church. Special worship services on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve and annual events such as the Advent workshop and Christmas concert bring together friends and families alike. They present us with a wonderful opportunity to welcome new friends to the Central community.

This time of year is also a great chance for you to try something new! The holiday season always creates a significant need for new volunteers.

Next Wednesday is our annual Advent workshop. Kids age 4 to 5th grade are invited to the annual Advent workshop from 4:40-6pm. Make ornaments or maybe something special for home! The nursery will be available for ages 3 and under. The fun takes place in the Student Center, but we need volunteers to help families navigate their way around.

We also need volunteers for the hanging of the greens, the annual time when we come together to decorate the church for Christmas. The festivities start at 3pm in the main building. All are welcome, and no special skills or talents

are necessary. At 5:30, a free dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall, and at 6:30, we'll move outside for the tree lighting, hot cocoa and apple cider, cookies, and, of course, Christmas music.

On Thanksgiving Day, we need eight people who can serve as ushers and greeters. There will only be one service that morning, leaving the rest of the day for spending time with family and loved ones. The Thanksgiving service will be at 10am next Thursday, November 22.

Following Thanksgiving, we need six greeters and seven people to help with parking for the Christmas Concert on Friday, December 14, at 7:30pm.

The Christmas Eve service will need six greeters for each of the three worship services and ten people to help with parking. There are multiple time slots available – you do not need to commit to volunteering at all three services, any help is greatly appreciated!

If you can help serve at any of these events or would like more information on volunteering at Central, please contact Kate Spielman (kspielman@centralpres.com or 314-854-0178).

Thanksgiving Day Service

Whether it's getting up early to participate in a "turkey trot," gathering with family, enjoying a delicious feast, or just resting while watching a little football, we all have our favorite Thanksgiving Day traditions. If it isn't already a part of your Turkey Day routine, consider adding the annual Central Thanksgiving worship and praise service.

This Thursday, November 22 at 10am, Central's Cole Lescher will lead the casual, family-friendly service. The service highlights testimonies of thanksgiving and includes wonderful music.

100% of your gifts made on Thanksgiving will support refugee relief in Iraq & Jordan and new church planting in Manipur, India.

All are welcome in the service, and you will be on your way home by 11am. Nursery care will be available. We encourage you to utilize the CCS or Schnuck's lots, as the shuttle buses will not be running Thanksgiving Day.

Christmas Concert

Over 250 years ago, composer George Frideric Handel wrote and premiered a new and unique sacred work--the oratorio, *Messiah*. This iconic work, now a mainstay of classical music, will form the heart of Central's annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 14 at 7:30pm.

Central's choirs, orchestra, bells, and brass will perform Part I of Handel's masterwork, along with music and carols, to tell the timeless story that gives all of us a renewed perspective on the Christmas season. It will be a beautiful night of worship and celebration as we look to Christ, our Prince of Peace.

Our concerts are for our community and are free to the public. We invite you to come and encourage you to bring your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to experience these moving events.

If you would like more information on the Christmas concert or on future concerts at Central, visit www.centralpres.com/concerts.

Central's Bible Reading Plan

Also available on our app, centralpres.com/gettheapp

Monday, Nov. 19

- Matthew 1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 20

- Matthew 5-7

Wednesday, Nov. 21

- Matthew 8-10

Thursday, Nov. 22

- Matthew 11-13

Friday, Nov. 23

- Matthew 14-16

Saturday, Nov. 24

- Matthew 17-19

Sunday, Nov. 25

- Matthew 20-22

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 it 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):

Please share my request with:

- All intercessors
- Active elders only
- Pastors only
- Please contact me about my prayer request

Tear Here → ← Tear Here

Tear Here → ← Tear Here