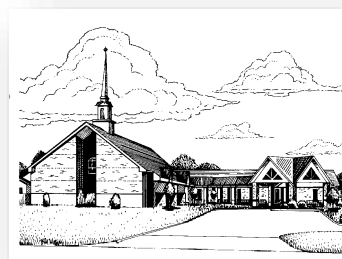


Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church



Church Mission Statement

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others

Church Membership

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. New members will be received upon baptism and profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.



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Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Upcoming Events

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Easter Morning:

Breakfast at 8:30 am (sheet-up sign in the fellowship hall)

Egg Hunt at 9:30am

Worship at 11am

(please note service starts at regular time)

The Worship and Music Committee is looking for Volunteers to be Lay Readers and Ushers for 2019. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in McElyea Hall.

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to see included in the Worship Service, please tell Laura Cosner.

Sunday School 9:45 am

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am



Senior High Youthquake

*Lathan and Zac enjoyed Senior High Youth Quake!
The theme was Tough Love. Thanks to everyone who supports our Youth!*



History of Hymns

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Charles Wesley

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” is a classic Easter hymn by the great hymn writer Charles Wesley. It first appeared in a collection by John and Charles Wesley called Hymns and Sacred Poems (1739) without the “alleluia’s,” which were added in the early 19th century.

Only a few other minor changes have been made since that time. The six stanzas that appear in The UM Hymnal have been adapted from the original 11; stanzas six, seven, eight and nine have been left out entirely. The current second stanza is actually the first couplet of the original second stanza and the last couplet of the original third stanza.

One other change of note occurred in the second line of the first stanza, which has been altered from “Sons of men and angels say” to “Earth and heaven in chorus say.” Though altered for inclusive language purposes, this change actually gives more emphasis to the metaphor in the second line that describes heaven and earth in chorus -- now they are antiphonal, with heaven singing and the reply coming back from earth.

Charles Wesley has written a hymn in praise of the power of Christ. The hymn begins with both heaven and earth singing in praise of Christ having won the battle and defeated death. The praise continues in the second stanza where Wesley first refers to Christ as “Love” and “redeemer.” He quotes Paul’s letter to the Corinthians (15:55) where Paul is taunting death:

“Where O Death is now thy sting? Where’s thy victory boasting grave?” The next stanza answers the question and says that we have the same power, if we follow Christ.

A striking feature of the hymn is that its text is written in the present tense. “Christ the Lord is risen today” -- not “has risen” or “rose.” This is powerful because it places us in community with

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**¹ “Christ the Lord is risen today!”
Alleluia!**

All creation, join to say:

Alleluia!

**Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!**

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

**² Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise,
Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise.
Alleluia!**

**³ Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save,
Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave?
Alleluia!**

**⁴ Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given,
Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow,
Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now.
Alleluia!**

those who witnessed the resurrection in their own lifetimes, and reaffirms our own hope of being set free from death. "Made like him, like him we rise" -- also stated in the present tense -- conveys a hope that brings God's power and new life now, lifting us from our current situation of "death" and into everlasting life.

Hope? Now? Is Wesley saying that Christ's hope is now? And if so what does this mean for the suffering, the oppressed, the abused and the lost? Is Wesley calling us to action? If we follow the example of our "exalted head," will it take us to "the cross, the grave, the skies?" Alleluia, it will! I think he is calling us to action! The skies are exciting, but we also need to be willing to follow Christ to the cross and the grave even if we know that we will be triumphant over them.

The final stanza declares that if we are indeed made like Christ and we follow his example, then we can know everlasting life (John 3:16). This is our ultimate hope -- present, past and future. This is so empowering to us and to others, to know that Christ died for us, and that his power enables us to overcome suffering and death just like he did. "Thus to sing and thus to love, Alleluia."

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Lectionary Readings for April 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent— April 7	Passion / Palm Sunday April 14 Sixth Sunday in Lent	Resurrection of the Lord— April 21 Easter Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter— April 28
Isaiah 43:16–21	Luke 19:28–40	Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25	Acts 5:27–32
Psalms 126	Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29	Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24	Psalms 118:14–29 or Psalm 150
Philippians 3:4b–14	Philippians 2:5–11	1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43	Revelation 1:4–8
John 12:1–8	Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49	John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12	John 20:19–31



In Loving Memory of
Erlene Agee
Sweepston

*Betty Coles
Kay Baim Shapiro*

In Loving Memory of
Edith May Kelley
(Mike Kelley's Mother)

David & Jane Judkins

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May issue of Central Scene is April 18. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at office@centralprespb.com.



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"



OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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| 5 who was R aised | 8 R ight hand | 6 T o life |
| 3 d i E d | 4 m o R e than that | 7 I s at the |
| 2 J e S us who | 11 i nt E rceding | 9 O f God |
| 12 f or U s | 1 C hrist | 10 a nd is also |

... ¹ _____ ² _____ ³ _____

⁴ _____ ⁵ _____

_____ ⁶ _____ ⁷ _____

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⁶ _____ ¹⁰ _____

¹¹ _____ ¹² _____ *Romans 8:34, NIV*

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7	8 Women's Circle 6:30 pm	9	10 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Women's Trip to Keo
14	15	16	17 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	18 Maundy Thursday 6pm	19 Good Friday Central-2:30 pm Stuttgart-6:00pm	20
21 Easter Sunday Breakfast 8:30am Egg Hunt 9:30am Worship 11:00am	22	23	24 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	25	26	27
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**Choir Practice
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If you or a family member has been omitted or would like to be added to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the church office.