



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 17, 2021

“Here I am, for  
you called me.”

1 Samuel 3:5

W elcome in the name of the Lord.

Behold how good and pleasant it is to share this time together.

May you feel cleansed and renewed by God's presence, equipped to face the challenges of the new week with courage, faith, and calm.

The Lord be with you.

At Central, we are committed to living the words of Jesus, "Love one another."

This church is open to all and welcomes everyone who chooses to worship here.

We affirm that all of us are created in God's image, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental facility, economic circumstance, or physical condition.

Because we celebrate diversity, we are committed to using language in our worship that is inclusive. To preserve the integrity of the poetry, we may also use prayers, readings, hymns, or anthems in traditional versions.

### SAVE THE DATE

Join the Stewardship Committee on Saturday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m. for Sip & 'Ship. Since we cannot have our in-person community dinners this year, we will be having this event virtually. This will be a great way to reconnect with your friends from Central. It will feature an evening filled with community, conversation, a toast to usher in new times, and even a game or two.

2020 was obviously a very challenging year for all of us but Central is still here providing ministry, mission and support. We have received so much from Central during these hard times, it is now time to give back.

More information and a way to RSVP will be coming soon. Please put Saturday, February 20th on your calendar!

We covenant with the Lord and with one another  
and do bind ourselves in the presence of God,  
to walk together in all the ways which are revealed to us by God,  
as the Word is made known to us. †

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Welcome to virtual worship. May you find hope, comfort and the love of God here.*

January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Vignette from the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick*

INVOCATION

HYMN “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are aware that we have fallen short of all that has been required of us. We have ignored the cries of others as they seek justice from their oppressors. We recognize that we have not always fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, or shelter to the stranger. However, You give us days full of opportunities. What was left undone yesterday can be completed today. We ask for Your forgiveness of the ways we have fallen short of concern for our neighbors. Forgive us we pray so that in Your Spirit may we preach good tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted and proclaim liberty to all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

*Peter Woodberry*

*1Samuel 3:1-10*

† *Based on the Salem Covenant, 1629*

SERMON “The challenging art of listening”

*The Rev. Rebecca L. Spencer*

OFFERTORY “There is a Balm in Gilead”

ALAN MOORE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

BENEDICTION

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST

### **Why should you attend the Congregational Meeting?**

- It is a very important way for you to serve as part of the congregation, to help approve our priorities for the upcoming year.
- It’s your chance to ask any questions about the capital campaign for re-imagining Chapel Hall.
- It’s the first step in making our mission possible for 2021-2022.

The Congregational Meeting for the tentative budget approval will begin at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 31. This meeting will be held via Zoom. Please remember to check your e-mail for more information. If you do not receive the link but are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Know someone interested in Central as a church home?**

#### **Inquirers’ Meeting\***

Tuesday, January 26

#### **Faith Exploration\***

Wednesday, February 3

#### **New Member Sunday**

February 7

For more information, please contact the church office at 331-1960.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

*During this time of social distancing, the following events are taking place virtually.  
Please contact the church office if you need additional details.*

### **SUNDAY, January 17**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:15 a.m. Middle School Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. . Confirmation Class

### **TUESDAY, January 19**

- 2 00 p.m. Church Office Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Plant & Properties Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prudential Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, January 20**

- Central Newsletter Article Deadline

### **THURSDAY, January 21**

- 7:00 p.m. Caring & Sharing Women's Group

### **SATURDAY January 23**

- 7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Group

### **SUNDAY, January 24**

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:15 a.m. Middle School Class
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. NEOS
- 4:00 p.m. WORD

SERVICES WILL BE VIRTUAL THROUGH  
JANUARY 31, 2021.