



Central Presbyterian Church

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

* Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.
If you do not wish to be seen on the live video feed for the service, please sit in a pew under a balcony.

~ Gathering as God's People ~

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jack Barden

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Introit

Shall We Gather at the River, R. Lowry

Chancel Choir

“Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Call to Worship

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

All: **We will ascribe to the Lord glory and strength; We will worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness

All: **O Lord, give strength to your people! O Lord, bless your people with peace!**

*Hymn #475: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Prayer of Confession

Robin Manning

All: **God of grace, You claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to promote justice in our world, and we shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may promote righteousness and our deeds may be pleasing in your sight.**
(Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

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

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (Hymn #582)

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

~ Proclaiming God's Word ~

Scripture

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 42:1-9

O.T. Pg. 630

Anthem

Come to the Water, Lacey Brown

Chancel Choir

Oh let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

Time with Children

Rise Up, Shine Bright, Let love be your guiding light. (x2)

Speak kind words and be a friend. From your heart is where it begins.

Give a smile and shake a hand. Always do the best you can.

Rise Up, Shine Bright, Let love be your guiding light.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

N.T. Pg. 3

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

It Begins With Baptism

Rev. Jack Barden

*Hymn #164: Down Galilee's Slow Roads

WEST MAIN

~ Responding to God's Word ~

The Prayers of the People and 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad
así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día
y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como
nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

Offering

Giving is a form of worship and we offer our gifts to bring Christ's hope to our world. For ways to give, see information following the order of worship.

Offertory Music

Deep River, arr. Sid Richardson
Nathan Quiring & André Trahan, piano

*Doxology: Hymn #609 †

LASST UNS ERFREUN

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, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication of Offering

*Hymn #480: *Take Me to the Water*

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

~ Going into God's World ~

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn #372

AZMON

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

Postlude

† Some prefer the words, "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" to "Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost."

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Hooray! Our website
has a new look!
Check it out:
www.cPCAustIn.org

Interested in becoming a member of CPC? Welcome!

Pastor Jack and the Membership Team are hosting a New Member Information Session in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m.**

Anyone who is interested in learning more about CPC and joining our church family is welcome to attend!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25th after worship



EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan. 8 - Feb. 4 – Spiritual Formation: The Nicene Creed with Mary Swierenga, Thursdays on Zoom at 6:30pm.

January 14 – Social Justice Series: Adrianna Ortega, Chrysalis Q. Dinner- 5:45pm / Presentation- 6:15pm

January 15 – Free Noonday concert in the Sanctuary: Aaron Kurz, piano.

January 18 – New Member Info Session in Smoot Hall at 9:30am.

January 22 – Central Mission Volunteer Meeting at 9:30am in Smoot Hall.

January 25 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation – after worship.

February 1 – Pastor Katheryn preaching and farewell reception after worship.

February 8 – Share the Love Mission Fair and Market – after worship.

Weekly Announcements

Use the QR code to view this week's e-blast and more details on CPC events!



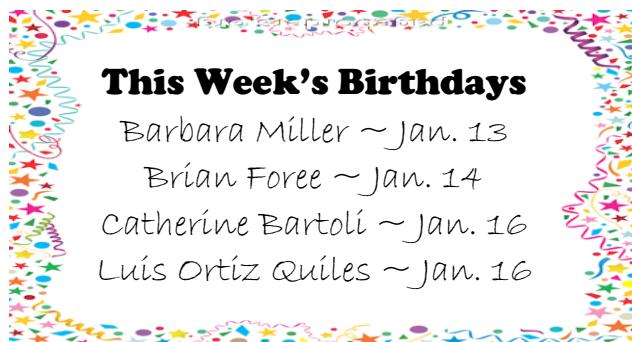
Ongoing Weekly Gatherings

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. – Reading & Reflection

Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Central Mission

Thursdays at noon—Noonday Concert Series



This Week's Birthdays

Barbara Miller ~ Jan. 13

Brian Foree ~ Jan. 14

Catherine Bartoli ~ Jan. 16

Luis Ortiz Quiles ~ Jan. 16

Welcome New Visitors!

Please fill out a Visitor Information Card and drop it in the offering plate, or use this QR code to register.



By the numbers...

Last week's attendance: 77

Financial Info (1/1-11/30):	Actual	Budget
Prepaid Pledges	\$ 5,084	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 466,330	\$ 475,713
Total Expenses	\$ 626,626	\$ 591,772
Net Before Transfers	\$ (155,212)	\$ (116,059)
Transfer from Reserves	\$ 120,000	
Net Income	\$ (35,212)	\$ (116,059)

Ways to support CPC's ministries:

- Text "2026pledge", "Pastor", "Neighbors", or "Cpcdonations" to 53555.
- For PayPal/Zelle donations, use bookkeeper@cpcAustin.org.
- Mail a check to the church office.
- For Credit Card use the QR code.



Church Staff

Interim Pastor Jack Barden
 Director of Music Ministry André Trahan
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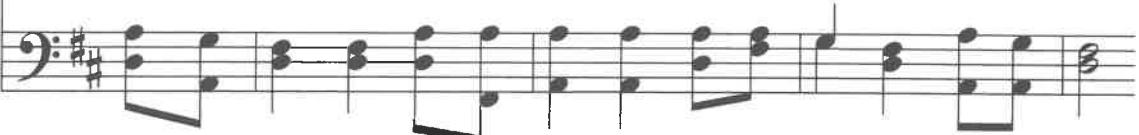
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways 164

Capo 3: (A9)

C9

(D/A)

F/C

(A9)

C9

(Dsus)(D)

Fsus F



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road-ways a strang - er trav - eled on
 2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
 3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.

(A9)

C9

(D/A)

F/C

(G)

B♭

(F♯m)

Am



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
 it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
 We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.

(Bm)

Dm

(F♯m)

Am

(Gmaj7)

B♭maj7

(F♯m7)

Am7

(Em)

Gm

(A/C♯)(Bsus)(Bm)

C/E

Dsus

Dm



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
 The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
 But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.

(G)

B♭

(D/F♯)

F/A

(Em7)

Gm7

(G/A)

B♭/C

(Asus)(A7)

Csus

(D)

C7

F



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
 "You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
 "You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

When reviewing baptismal resources with other members of the United Church of Canada's Working Unit on Worship, the author was struck by how few hymns had been written for adult baptism. This meditative text on the Baptism of Jesus is an effort to remedy that situation.

480 Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.