

Prayer of Consecration

*(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)*

Communion Music

Dee Dee Gain, organ

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion  
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional

***Lead On, O Cloud of Presence (vs. 1, 2)***

No. 633

Postlude

***Finale***

Thomas Bliss

Dee Dee Gain, organ



# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Decatur, Illinois

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***Sunday, September 13, 2020***



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Senior Minister

**Don Martin**  
Minister of Music

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Associate Minister of  
CE and Family Life

**David Martin**  
Youth Director



## Sermon Outline *“You Are... a Royal Priesthood”*

Important Concept in Reformation – All Christians are “priests”  
Protestant Reformers challenged church hierarchy  
“flattened” the ladder  
Disciples of Christ did it (among the) best

I Peter 2:4-10

Stones

Old Testament (Tradition)

Static, stationary, immovable, permanent

Used to remind people OF God

Used to be a house FOR God

Cornerstone is the most important

Gives identity to structure

For Peter:

Jesus Christ is Cornerstone (not the Temple)

Jesus Christ is a Living Stone

Active and mobile (not static and stationary)

We are Living Stones with him

What honors God is living life of holiness

Priests:

Old Testament (Tradition)

Offer sacrifices in temple

For Peter:

The sacrifice we offer is our lifestyle pursuit of holiness

Meant to be encouraging:

Church members struggling in a “spiritual wilderness”

*“... for I give... to my **chosen people**, the people whom I formed for myself...”*

*Isaiah 43:20-21*

*“...you shall be for me a **priestly kingdom**...”*

*Exodus 19:6*



### I Peter 2:4-10 (NRSV)

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built<sup>[a]</sup> into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him<sup>[b]</sup> will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,<sup>[c]</sup> in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

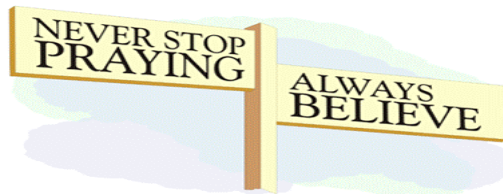
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# Prayer List



Last updated 9/11/2020

## Members

Howard Cravens  
Eleanor Spracklen  
Louise Boline  
Jean Booher  
Lawrence Turner  
George Kuhns  
Barbara Tyler  
Karma Lynn Carpenter  
David Miller  
Unique Hess  
Joan Smith  
Evelyn Sanders  
Don Boyd  
Gretchen Barron  
Linda Kuhns  
Bob Bischoff  
Pat Ash

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)  
Claudine Nichols (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Warren & Azalee Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Laura Sperry (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Roe Skidmore (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Irwin Soliday (Primrose)  
Norma Brown (Lincolnshire)  
Billie Harmon (Randall Residence)  
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)  
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)  
Dottie Scholes (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Shirlee Johnson (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Loren Glasscock (Hickory Pt Christian Village)

## We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,  
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,  
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,  
Katy Taylor

## Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)  
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)  
Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs)  
Timothy Littrell (friend of the Lintons & the Bednars)  
Brook Stewart (Parents friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)  
John Burton (Nephew of Carrie Funk)  
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)  
Mark Boline (son of Louise Boline)  
Jonas Fagin (grandson of Al & Chris Fagin)  
Gerald Spencer II (father of Ashely Sparks)  
Richard & Ruth Albin (cousins of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Keith Bess (friend of Gregg & Linda Foltz)  
Bob Dorsey (friend of Jim Bednar)  
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)  
Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)  
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)  
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)  
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)  
John Allen (friend of Donna Dash)  
Melissa Phelps (friend of Derald Hartley)  
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)  
The Family of Mark Richert (friend of Donna Dash)  
Chuck & Linda Doehring (cousins of Joy Adams)