CENTRAL CHURCH DECEMBER 28, 2025 ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING MUSIC

Trust in God

SCRIPTURE READING

PASSING THE PEACE

BLESSING AND PRE/K DISMISSAL

FINANCIAL UPDATE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER

CONTINUING MUSIC

Living Hope

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Psalm 13:1-6

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Finding Hope

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

CLOSING MUSIC

Goodness of God

BLESSING

PRAYERS AT FRONT OF CHURCH

AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP: Join us in the gym after service!

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY meets at 7:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume in January.

YOUTH GROUP will resume next Wednesday, January 7th, at 7:30 pm.

<u>KIDS CENTRAL</u> for the winter/spring season will begin January 8th, Thursday, 4:30 to 6:00pm. Registration forms are on the table next to the gym.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Thank you so much, volunteer teachers and helpers. More helpers are needed for each age group (sign-up next to the gym). For more info, please speak with Jeanine (Children's Ministry) or Rayna (Youth Ministry), or contact the office at 631-421-3663 / centch@optonline.net

<u>HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION</u>: Nonperishable canned, boxed, or bagged food may be placed on the wooden chest in the hallway. Your donations are much appreciated.

<u>JAMAICA DONATIONS</u>: Thank you for your donations. If you would like to order Amazon or Walmart items* and have them sent straight to Jamaica, please notify the office of your purchase so that Trevor Hines and his family know. The shipping address is <u>77 Vanzie Land, Falmouth PO Trelawny, Jamaica, West Indies</u>.

*Needed supplies include the following: Toothbrushes and toothpaste; diapers and baby formula; canned veg, beans, tuna; shelf-stable milk; rice and cereal; crackers; cooking oil; aspirin and band aids; batteries; matches. The office can be reached at 631-421-3663 / centch@optonline.net

<u>DEACONS FUND</u>: Please prayerfully donate to this ministry (write "Deacons" on the memo line). Your contributions have helped many in our community. Envelopes are in the pews, and a collection box is on the offering table.

DEACON-ON-CALL: If you have a spiritual, physical, or financial need, or know someone who does, please contact Karen Swanson, Deacon on Call for the week of December 28th, at 631-385-4516.

TRUSTEES-ON-CALL are Anthony Steo 934-233-7759, and Fran Bundt, 516-375-3450.

ELDER-ON-CALL for December is Suzanne Valerio, 631-368-5985.

STEEPLE NOTES articles and photos are due on January 15th. Thanks.

Please leave the last four sanctuary rows empty for visitors and those with mobility needs. Thank you.



CENTRAL FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS

"...For we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Pray for Our Church

- For our church family as we worship on Sunday mornings and follow God each day
- For our church ministries, programs, and events
- For our Pastor, staff, and church leaders (Session, Deacons, and Trustees) who are doing their best to keep the church running and helping our church family with needs
- For our church as we appeal the court decision with the PC(USA)

Pray for Our Nation and Our World

- For our military men and women stationed at home and abroad: John & Bethany B., Kaitlin D., and Anasia H.
- For our government officials on all levels, as they are working hard for our country to get through violence, economic troubles, and natural disaster recovery
- For Israel for a lasting peace
- For Haiti for the nation's release and healing from gang violence, political turmoil, and food and fuel price hikes, all of which have been ravaging this country
- For Ukraine for the safety of its people and for the wisdom of its leaders
- For our country and for all nations around the world recovering from civil unrest in addition to natural catastrophes

Ongoing Prayer for Individuals

- Who have various health concerns, including Central members and friends:
 Annabelle A., Cleavon B., Evelyn B., Lisa B., Margaret B., Ken C., Lois C., Bob E., Vicki E.,
 Diane G., Shannon G., Doral H., Frani H., Tina H., Kay J., Darin J., Pete M., Vanessa M.,
 Gladys P., Claude S., Jeanine S., Linda T., Evelyn T., Bill Z., Aileen, and the many friends
 and family members of our church family.
- Who are homebound or are in nursing homes, assisted living, and rehab facilities, including Central members: Frani H.
- Who are mourning the loss of loved ones
- Who are moving to or seeking new homes
- Who are experiencing employment issues, including those who had their work hours cut, were laid off, or are struggling in the workplace.