# **CENTRAL CHURCH**

# APRIL 21, 2024 ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### WELCOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

OPENING MUSIC O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:17-20

Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word. Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me. My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

SHARING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER

CONTINUING MUSIC Refiner

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE TEXT Psalm 119:18

TODAY'S SERMON Open Your Eyes

**Rev. George Bundt** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

CLOSING MUSIC

Turn Your Eyes Open the Eyes of My Heart Open My Eyes, That I May See

BLESSING

PRAYERS AT FRONT OF CHURCH

**BIBLE STUDY IN WHITE ROOM** 

**AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**: Join us in the gym for fellowship and snacks! If you would like to bring Sunday refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet on the courtyard credenza. Many thanks to all who contribute to our coffee hour.

YOUTH GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

**<u>KIDS CENTRAL</u>** will *not* meet this Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, or the following week, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kids Central will resume the following Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm.

**<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>** has grown. Thanks to all who have volunteered to teach and assist – and we would love more helpers for each age group, from pre-K to youth. For more information, call the office at 631-421-3663 or email centch@optonline.net

**LIYFC DINNER:** L.I. Youth for Christ is having its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Dinner on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 at the Melville Marriott. If you would like to reserve complimentary tickets, please contact LIYFC at 631-385-8333 or at liyfc.org/dinner by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**VBS ~ SAVE THE DATE**: This year's Vacation Bible School, "Breaker Rock Beach," will be Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are now in the courtyard.



We would love VBS volunteers for any or all these days. Please call Jeanine Stuyvesant at 631-421-3663, ext. 104, or email jeaninecedirector@outlook.com

**<u>PHOTOS REQUESTED</u>**: A photo board will soon be created so that our more recent attendees can connect names and faces. Please drop off at the office – in person or emailed to centch@optonline.net – snapshots of yourself and/or your family. There are also volunteers who would be happy to take your picture (let the office know).

**DEACONS FUND:** Please prayerfully consider donating to this ministry. When giving, write "Deacons" on the check memo line. Your contributions have helped the deacons provide support to many in our community. Contribution envelopes are in the pews.

**DEACON-ON-CALL:** If you have a spiritual, physical, or financial need, or know of someone who does, please contact Lucy Malm, our Deacon-on-Call for the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 631-427-5929.

ELDER-ON-CALL for April is Mike Schroeder, 860-839-3389.

**TRUSTEE-ON-CALL** this month is Peter Stuyvesant. For facility questions, call Peter at 631-897-4170.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS? Pastor Paul would love to hear from you! He can be reached at 631-421-3663, ext. 103, or at paul@huntingtoncentral.church

<u>HELPING HAND RESCUE MISSION</u>: Nonperishable canned, boxed, or bagged food – no clothing, please – may be placed on the wooden chest in the hallway. 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 recent court decision with the PC(USA)

## Pray for Our Nation and Our World

• 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 military men and women stationed at home and abroad: John & Bethany B., Kaitlin D., Anasia H., and Frank S.

• For our government officials on all levels, as they are working hard for our country to get through economic troubles, violence, and natural disaster recovery

• For our country and for all nations around the world recovering from natural catastrophes as well as civil unrest

## **Ongoing Prayer for Individuals**

### • Who have various health concerns, including Central members and friends:

Annabelle A., Doris A., Cleavon B., Evelyn B., Lisa B., Margaret B., Phil B., Lois C., Bob E., Vicki E., Diane G., Shannon G., Doral H., Tina H., Kay J., Darin J., June J., Don M., Pete M., Gladys P., Paige P., Claude S., Jeanine S., Peter S., Linda T., Evelyn T., 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

 $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Who are moving and transitioning into new homes / areas

• Who are experiencing employment issues, including those who had their work hours cut, were laid off, or are struggling in the workplace.