CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORLD SERIES OF STEWARDSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY:
Commit Your All



NOVEMBER 8, 2026

4201 FAIRFAX DRIVE, SUITE 1, ARLINGTON, VA 22203

We Gather

Prelude "Rondeau" (J-J. Mouret)

Welcome
(Scan the QR code for digital connection card)

*Song "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399, v.2

*Call to Worship

Leader: Good morning, church! God has called each of us by name.
People: We have come to worship, knowing there is a place for each of us on this team.
Leader: We do not come to worship because we are perfect.
People: We come to worship because we are loved.
Leader: Everything we have belongs to God.
People: We offer God our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.
Leader: Come with your whole heart, for the Giver of every good gift welcomes us.
People: With all that we are, we worship God!

*Song "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH #396

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: People: Hear our prayer.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

We Hear

Anthem "Committin' This Day" (A. Johnson, arr. H. Sorenson)

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Illumination "Jesus Calls Us" UMH #398, v. 4

Scripture 2 Chronicles 30:26-31:10 (Common English Bible)

26 There was great joy in Jerusalem. Nothing like this had taken place in Jerusalem since the days of Israel's King Solomon, David's son. 27 Then the levitical priests blessed the people, and their voice was heard when their prayer reached God's holy dwelling in heaven.

1 When all of these things were finished, all of the Israelites who were present went out to the cities of Judah, smashed the sacred pillars, cut down the sacred poles, and completely destroyed the shrines and altars throughout Judah as well as Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh. Then all the Israelites returned to their individual homes in their own cities.

2 Hezekiah reappointed the priests and the Levites, each to their divisions and their tasks, to make entirely burned offerings and well-being sacrifices, to serve, to give thanks, and to offer praise in the gates of the Lord's camp. 3 As his portion, the king personally contributed the entirely burned offerings for the morning and evening sacrifices, as well as the entirely burned offerings for the Sabbaths, new moons, and festivals, as written in the Lord's Instruction. 4 He ordered the people living in Jerusalem to provide the required portion for the priests and the Levites so they could

devote themselves to the Lord's Instruction. 5 As soon as the order was issued, the Israelites generously gave the best of their grain, new wine, oil, honey, and all their crops—a tenth of everything, a huge amount. 6 The people of Israel and Judah, living in the cities of Judah, also brought in a tenth of their herds and flocks and a tenth of the items that had been dedicated to the Lord their God, stacking it up in piles. 7 They began stacking up the piles in the third month and finished them in the seventh. 8 When Hezekiah and the officials saw the piles, they blessed the Lord and his people Israel.

9 When Hezekiah asked the priests and Levites about the piles, 10 the chief priest Azariah, who was from Zadok's family, answered, "Ever since the people started bringing contributions to the Lord's temple we've had enough to eat with plenty to spare. The Lord has definitely blessed his people! There's a lot left over."

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Championship Sunday: Commit Your All"

We Respond

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. What is standing in the place where God belongs in my life, and what would it look like to take it down?
2. Where is my place on this team, and am I playing it?
3. Who gave first in my life, and how can I pass that on?
4. Which of these five (prayers, presence, gifts, service, or witness) is God inviting me to give more of this year?

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Making our 2027 commitments

*Song "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399, vv. 1&3

Prayer

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Giving our gifts to God and passing the peace

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*Song UMH #95 Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

We Go

Announcements

*Song "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH #419

*Benediction

*Sung Benediction

"Hold You in Our Circle" by Emily Roblyn © Copyright 2003

Hold you in our circle, Hold you in our love.
Hold you in our circle, Hold you in our love.

Postlude "March Variation on I Am Thine"

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Liturgist	Lane Timm
Reader of the Word	Brian Mills
Pianist	Greg Capaldini
Preacher	Rev. Sarah Harrison-McQueen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday! As we celebrate the many ways we share our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness at Central. As part of our *World Series of Stewardship* series, we invite you to prayerfully consider your commitment for 2027 and return your pledge card by mail, in worship today, or online using the QR code. Commitment cards are available on the lobby table.

Together, we can make a difference through God's work in our church, community, and world.

Church Conference Today

Central's Church Conference and annual meeting of the corporation will be this Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 12 noon following worship and fellowship. Please join us in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. Only professing members of Central UMC are eligible to vote.

The agenda will include matters related to the church's parsonage process, including authorization to select and purchase a condominium and election of the Parsonage Committee.

Pastoral Care Coverage – November 10–16

Pastor Sarah will be on vacation November 10–16 and will be away on Sunday, November 15. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Rev. Sara Keeling, who serves at Mt. Olivet, at (540) 672-8684.

Opportunities to Connect & Serve

Our Opportunities to Connect and Serve handout is now available! You can find it online on our church website, at the Sanctuary entrance, and on the Welcome Table. It highlights ways to get involved at Central, from special opportunities to serve during the holiday season to ongoing ways to share your gifts and support our church and community throughout the year. Pick up a copy and see where you might like to get involved!

Men's Group – Fellowship & Games | Sunday, November 22

All men of Central are invited to our monthly Men's Group gathering. This is a relaxed time to share laughs, build friendships, and strengthen one another in faith. We'll enjoy board and card games together and good fellowship. Bring yourself, invite a friend, and feel free to bring a snack to share.

These gatherings are a great way to grow in community with other men of the church, encouraging each other as we live out our faith in daily life. Join us Sunday, November 22 from 3–5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Virtual Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible Study led by Carroll Ellis Cobb has just begun a study of the book of Job. The group meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. The Bible study is open to everyone – young and not-so-young, single and married, those who've studied the Bible a lot and those who've never been in a Bible Study at all – all from the comfort of your home. So, if you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office at office@cumcballston.org.

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