

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2019, Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



a Generous Hope

RE-IMAGINING THE POSSIBLE

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stewardship Logo is by Lauren Wright Pittman

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Abby Zhang, piano

RINGING OF THE BELL

Tusher Family

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Geneva Bell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

(As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF NIGHT SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

† OPENING SENTENCES

O give thanks to God for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Blessed are all who come in the name of God.
Let us look to the God of life
For God's steadfast love endures forever.

† HYMN No. 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

For the Younger Ones Among Us:

Everything God has made is to be a beautiful reflection of God. When you look around and see how different everything is, you can see God has made everything to be beautiful and special on purpose. So when you meet someone different than you, know that God made them to be a reflection of God and that they have a special purpose, just like you!

Welcome Visitors

Central is a community in which you can learn and teach, care and be cared for, love and be loved. You have a place here among this community of faith. All visitors and newer members are invited to the Believing and Belonging class to explore what Presbyterians believe, how those beliefs inform our life at Central, and what it means to belong in today's world of competing interests. The next class is **November 3rd and 10th** at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. For more information, contact Deb Link, administrative assistant, at assistant@cpclanta.org

† KYRIE

AVON GILLESPIE



Lord, have — mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have — mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† RESPONSE: 698

Take, O Take Me as I am
(Please Sing Twice)

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

Page 702, OT, Pew Bible

SECOND READING

Acts 11:1-18

Page 123, NT, Pew Bible

SERMON

Reimagining the Possible

Jessica Patchett

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Song of Faith, An Affirmation of
the United Church of Canada 2006

We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world. We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Mary Lillian Walker

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Dale Wood

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high, Such praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,

Text: George Herbert

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout; No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

† AT THE PRESENTATION *God of Blessing and Abundance*

HYMN TO JOY

Text: David Gambrell

God of blessing and abundance, source of every gift we know,
Let us taste and see the goodness where your milk and honey flow.
With thanksgiving, we remember how you brought us to this place.
Nourish us with daily manna; strengthen us to share your grace.

During the offering, take a moment to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

† LITANY OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,
bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.
These pledges represent our work, our lives, and our dreams,
and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.
May they be the first fruits of all we have,
and not what we have left over.
May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,
and not a gift of obligation or exchange.
May we use them wisely for your service,
to reflect your love to this city and this world.
May they move us to be more faithful disciples,
and energize us to re-imagine the possible.
We dedicate these pledges to the work of God
at Central Presbyterian Church in 2020.
Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN NO. 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn 71, Refrain: Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me*

FIRST SONG

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

God is Here!

arr. David Cherwien

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



This week at Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 27

12:00 p.m. Worship, Music, and Arts Input Session
OAC Lobby
 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, October 28

6:00 p.m. October Session Meeting
Tull Hall

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. UKirk College Ministries

Wednesday, October 30

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 31

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, November 1

Middle School Retreat begins
 Night Shelter Opens

Saturday, November 2

Middle School Retreat (cont.)

Sunday, November 3

Middle School Retreat ends
 8:00 a.m. Central Mens' Breakfast
 8:45 a.m. Courtyard Hospitality
 9:00 a.m. Nazareth Choir
 9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship - Jessica Patchett, preaching
 12:00 p.m. Development Rights Information Session
 12:00 p.m. Global Mission Committee Meeting
 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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| Lauren Scott | Children and Youth Coordinator |
| Hannah Trawick | Pastoral Intern |
| Martin Carver | GSU UKirk Intern |

Members in preparation for ordination as Ministers of word and sacrament:
 Erin Burt

Worship Notes and Announcements

Our Liturgists today: Emmanuel Amponseh • Hannah Trawick

Lector of the Day: Susannah Tusher

Ushers: Jeff Spruell (captain) • Royal Grooms • Jo McMurtrie
 Em McNair • Kimble McNair • Wills Moore • Deanna Robbins
 Sherry Wright

Choir Guild: Kathy Kohn

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found at
www.cpcatlanta.org

You may find us on Facebook at "Central Presbyterian Church"

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Provide a Meal for UKirk GSU!

On Tuesday nights, the Presbyterian campus ministry of Georgia State, UKirk, meets at Central. You can help by providing a meal for the students! Visit www.ukirkatlanta.com and click "Provide a Meal" to sign up.

About the stewardship banner, "Pixelated Holy Spirit"

My intention was to create a banner that would call attention to the primary purpose of Stewardship, that is, to give so that the Holy Spirit can do its work. The challenge was to come up with something dimensional to represent the Holy Spirit which is both invisible and infinite. Obviously, it would have to be abstract and symbolic. The Holy Spirit must have been working because PIXELS popped into my head. A pixel is a tiny part of a larger image. It could be done by cutting one inch pieces of fabric and ironing them on to a prepared grid. The method was settled, but what about the design. As it worked out, the design evolved from the random placement of pieces from dark to light. Rainbow colors were selected because they are the basic colors from which everything is made, including light. So now we have the symbolic representation of the invisible nature of the Holy Spirit, as well as the infinite nature. It is my hope that when you look at this banner, you will be reminded of the work of the Holy Spirit and what your contribution to Central Presbyterian Church could do to help in those areas where the Holy Spirit needs our help. We are grateful to John White for his help hanging the banner and to members of the Worship, Music and Arts Committee who cut and placed at least 5,000 tiny pixels. -Alberta Irwin

**To pledge toward the Stewardship Campaign,
 please use the QR Code provided below:**

