

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
January 12th, Sunday after Epiphany



Mercy by Jan Richardson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Vicki Fey, organ

RINGING OF THE BELL

Lynne Rea

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Noël Nouvelet

Robert Lind

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Jessica Patchett

MINUTE FOR MISSION

David Ennis and Mary Sidney Harbert, Local Missions Committee

† OPENING SENTENCES

Micah 6:8

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

† HYMN

Build a Longer Table
(Please see insert)

NOËL NOUVELET
Text: David Bjorlin

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:

Has someone done something really mean to you? How did it feel? Did it hurt, make you sad, or really angry? Have you ever done something mean to someone else or accidentally hurt their feelings? Sometimes, we do not do nice things, and we have to ask for forgiveness. Saying sorry makes everyone feel better, and accepting someone's apology makes you feel better. In today's scripture, we will learn about forgiveness. Jesus wants us to forgive everyone and for us to be willing to say sorry, too!

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Hannah Trawick

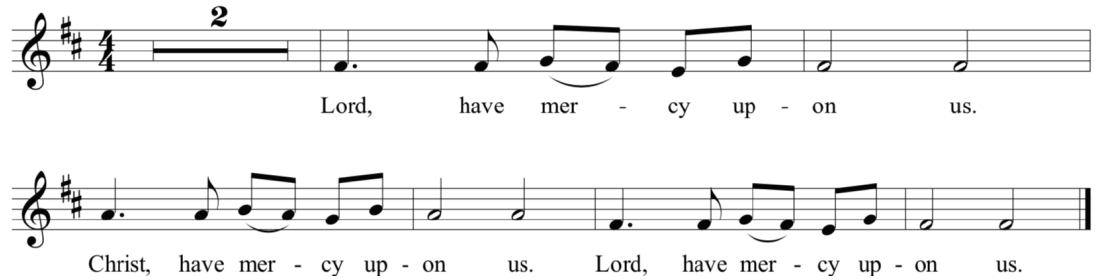
† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of second chances, help us to live in your grace. Daily, you offer us mercy, but we do not always extend that gift to others. Help us to see your image reflected in each person we encounter, to love ourselves and others the way you love us. By your transforming presence, may we be made new to live in your world as advocates of your kingdom.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

† KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

† RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 71 *Surely It is God Who Saves Me (Refrain)*

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.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christian Antwi

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE INTERPRETATION Matthew 18:21-35

Page 19, NT, Pew Bible
Reforming Arts

SERMON

You Are Grace

Jessica Patchett and Doug Ammar

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*)

Kate Colussy-Estes

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a

new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; And that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* American Folk Hymn
Chancel Choir arr. Tim Sharp

Text: Hymn 415, Stanzas 1, 4, 3, and the following:

Saints and angels, joined in concert, sing the praises of the Lamb;
While the blissful seats of heaven sweetly echo with His name.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Sinners here may do the same. I will go to Jesus!

† **AT THE PRESENTATION** *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN** *Prayer for the City* DUKE STREET
(Please see insert)

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Hymn No. 301: Let Us Build a House (Stanza 5)* TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on DUKE STREET* arr. Wilbur Held

About the offertory music:

Tim Sharp's arrangement of the traditional hymn "Come, Ye Sinners" utilizes the tune RESTORATION and text by English Calvinist minister Joseph Hart (1712-1768) as foundational source material. The text set to the tune RESTORATION first appeared in the shape note hymn and tune book *Southern Harmony, and Musical Companion* by William Walker in 1835. In his arrangement of the hymn, Sharp has preserved many aspects commonly associated with Sacred Harp style of signing

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.

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



This week at Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 12

- 12:00 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Local Mission Committee Meeting
Taylor Conference Room
 12:15 p.m. TDR Info Session Meeting
Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m. CPC Task Force on Dismantling Racism
Library
 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 13

- 11:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle
 6:00 p.m. Worship, Music, and Liturgical Arts Committee Meeting
Home of Berta Irwin

Tuesday, January 14

- 3:30 p.m. Worship Staff
 6:30 p.m. UKirk College Ministry
 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
Home of Lawrence Ashe

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- 5:30 p.m. Council of Ministries conference call
 7:00 p.m. Central Women
Home of the Rentz-Bakers
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 17

- All Day All Youth MLK Mission Trip

Saturday, January 18

- All Day All Youth MLK Mission Trip
 9:00 a.m. Reforming Arts Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19

- All Day All Youth MLK Mission Trip
 8:45 a.m. Courtyard Hospitality
 9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship - Kate Colussy-Estes, preaching
 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch

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Worship Notes and Announcements

Our Liturgists today: Kate Colussy-Estes • Hannah Trawick
 Christian Antwi

Lector of the Day: Alan Merrill

Ushers: Hugh Landrum (co-captain)
 Susan Landrum (co-captain) • Chris Kelly • Shelley Parnes Charles
 Rooks • Mike Sizemore • Terry Tusher • Kathy Walker

Choir Guild: Ann Hunter

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January Events:

January Winter Studies topics:

January 19: The Public, Higher education Perspective - Georgia State University

January 26: Dialogue with Jason Esteves, Chair, and Cynthia Briscoe Brown, at-large member of the Atlanta Board of Education

To keep up with church happenings, email Linda Massengill to join the eWeekly mailing list.

We thank Reforming Arts for their participation in today's worship.

Reforming Arts' Reentry Program creates and presents original plays about the struggles and complexities of reentry and the systemic problems surrounding mass incarceration in the United States. Participants are individuals who were formerly incarcerated in women's prisons in Georgia and most participated in Reforming Arts' Higher Education in Prison program while incarcerated. This Sunday's participants will be Jeanelle Davis, Royal Grooms, Gloria Parks, Viji Pinkston, and Courtney Turner. Wende Balley serves as the Executive Director.

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 **February 2** in the Parlor. For more information, contact Kate at kcestes@cpcatlanta.org

Douglas B. Ammar has been associated with the Georgia Justice Project (GJP) since its inception in 1986 - serving first as a volunteer, then as a staff lawyer in 1990, and, since 1995, as the Executive Director. In 1984, Doug earned his Bachelor's degree in history from Davidson College and he received his law degree in 1989 from Washington and Lee University.