

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
January 19th, First Sunday of Ordinary Time



*Homage to King* (1996) by Xavier Medina Campeny (b. 1943);  
based on a photograph of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taken at the deliverance of the speech "I Have a Dream"

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC Steve Fey, organ

RINGING OF THE BELL The Tusher Family

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Andante Religioso* Léon Boëllmann  
*(As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING SENTENCES Kate Colussy-Estes  
from Psalm 51

*Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!*  
**Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!**  
*Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!*  
**Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.**  
*Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!*  
**Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.**

† HYMN No. 96 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

† CALL TO CONFESSION Jessica Patchett

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:**  
 Being first is so much fun! You can experience the best of so many things. A lot of times, being last can seem really tough. We might not get enough, or we might get left out. Those are very real fears. Unfortunately, there are people who get left out and they are purposely chosen to be last. Do you think that is fair? Why is it not fair? In today's scripture, we will hear "the first shall be last and the last shall be first!" At first glance, that sounds very confusing, but Jesus wants everyone to have enough and for everyone to be invited in. Which means, at times, we have to be OK with being last so someone who normally isn't first might get a turn. This week, can you try to let someone else go in front of you instead of racing to be first?

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, We confess that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice distorts your divine hope for the human community: You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful.

In every person, every race is your image.

**But we often can't see your image in others. Forgive us.**

You created us in freedom, with dignity:

With every new day, we could expand equity and opportunity.

**We often neglect your call to help recreate the world in goodness. Forgive us.**

You created us for abundance, to tend and share:

In every garden, every social structure is your seed of beloved community.

**We often fail to create that community which includes all and offers opportunities to enjoy the diversity of your abundant life: Forgive us. Forgive us: Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil. Open our hearts to desire good over evil. Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil, so that we may create among us your beloved community.**

*(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

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

Matthew 3:1-12

Page 2, NT, Pew Bible  
 Common English Version

### SECOND READING

Matthew 20:1-16

Page 20, NT, Pew Bible

### SERMON

*You are capable of change*

Kate Colussy-Estes

## SILENCE AND STILLNESS

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † HYMN No. 325

*By All Your Saints Still Striving*

KING'S LYNN

*(Stanza 1: Choir; Congregation will join on the remaining stanzas)*

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Drawn from the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Compiled by Abigail Reichard

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.  
I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.  
I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.  
I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.  
I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.  
This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.  
I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

## 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** *Down in the River to Pray* Traditional American Song  
Hope Bradford, director; Chancel Choir arr. David L. Mennicke

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, Let's go down come on down.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

Oh, brothers. . .

Oh, father. . .

Oh, mothers. . .

Oh, sinners. . .

Oh, children. . .

† 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 No. 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 480: Take Me to the Water (Stanzas 1 and 4)* TAKE ME TO THE WATER

Take me to the water. Take me to the water.  
Take me to the water to be baptized.

Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.  
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Go Down, Moses* Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Mark Hayes

**About the offertory music:** In its original form, this song was first published in *Slave Songs of the United States* (1867) as "The Good Old Way." Scholars conclude the work was likely written by an individual suffering slavery and transcribed by Georgia H. Allan near Nashville, Tennessee. "Down in the River" has been frequently adapted by many different groups and cultures in the United States, where it is commonly simultaneously labeled as an African American spiritual, Appalachian song, Christian folk hymn, and gospel song.

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 19

All Day All Youth MLK Mission Trip  
12:00 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch

### Monday, January 20

*Church office closed.*

### Tuesday, January 21

3:30 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
*Home of Smalley-Young*  
6:30 p.m. UKirk College Ministry

### Wednesday, January 22

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

### Thursday, January 23

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, January 24

*No events scheduled.*

### Saturday, January 25

*No events scheduled.*

### Sunday, January 26

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 - Jessica Patchett, preaching  
12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch  
12:30 p.m. APNC Meeting  
*Taylor Conference Room*  
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Charlotte Crosland  
*Sanctuary*  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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Martin Carver	GSU UKirk Intern
Hope Bradford	Music Intern

Members in preparation for ordination as Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Erin Burt

## Worship Notes and Announcements

Our Liturgists today: Jessica Patchett

Lector of the Day: Vanessa Hunter

Ushers: Becky Battle (captain) • Philip Covin • Jeff Dake  
Karen Gravel • Sandy Hoke • Jean Ellen Jones • Kathy Taylor

Choir Guild: Frances Padgett

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found at  
[www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org)

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

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## January Events:

January Winter Studies topics:

**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.

## "Love is. . ." Benefit Concert

Benefiting Central OAC and St. Francis Table  
Sunday, February 16, 4:00pm

Featuring choirs from Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta Homeward Choir, The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and the GSU Choral Union.

## Children's Sabbath:

Children's Sabbath is February 9, 2020. We will focus on the relationship between Jacob and Esau, while also exploring the Hebrews 11 text. We hope you will join us as we are led by our children in worship that day!

## 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](mailto:kcestes@cpcatlanta.org)



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