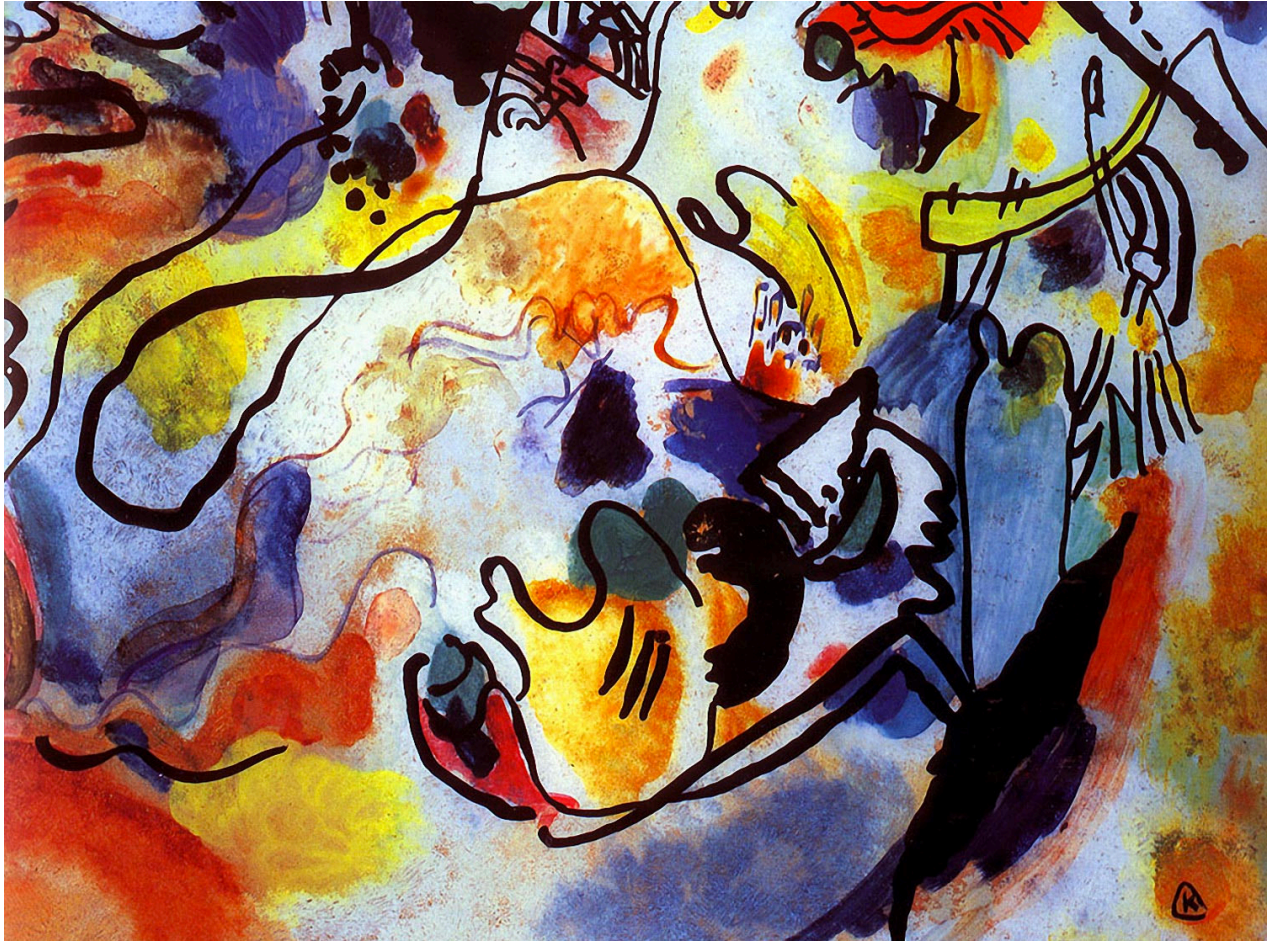


CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
February 23, 2020, Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



*The Last Judgment* (1912) by Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944)

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

Abby Zhang, piano

RINGING OF THE BELL

The Tusher Family

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Campana Sonos*  
(Bell Sounds - Theme and Variations)  
Youth Bell Choir; Steve Fey, director

Kathleen Wissinger

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING SENTENCES

Jessica Patchett

*When all looks chaotic, bleak, uncertain, and hard*  
**Turn your eyes to the God of new life**  
*When all words sound like clanging gongs and clashing cymbals*  
**Turn your ears to the God who whispers love**  
*When all feels like strain and struggle*  
**Turn your hearts to the God of freedom and life everlasting.**

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:**  
God knows the names of all those who have been born and those who have not been born! How can God keep up with that? God loves us so much that God knows every small detail about us. What we like, what we don't like, the things that make us sad, and the things that make us happy. Though, what's really important is our name. With our name, God individually calls us to give us power to do incredible things. When you call someone by their name, you are also calling them by the name God calls them. It's always important to learn someone's name! That's how we can make new friends.

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



† HYMN No. 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

† CALL TO CONFESSION

Hannah Trawick

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you, from whom nothing is hidden. You are before us, O God, and also behind. You are around us and also within us. Knowing us so well, O God, you know the secret thoughts of each heart. You know our faith and our doubt. You know our joy and our sorrow. You know our hope and our despair, the accomplishments on which we pride ourselves and the sin that shames us. O God of life, forgive us. Restore us. Renew us by your generous Spirit and grant us new life. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

† RESPONSE: *Hymn No. 753: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Stanza 1)* PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

† RESPONSE: *Hymn No. 727: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (Stanza 1)* THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Christian Antwi

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 140

Page 590, OT, Pew Bible

SECOND READING

Revelation 20:1 - 21:8

Page 248, NT, Pew Bible

SERMON

*Stories they don't tell you in Sunday School:  
Hope from Armageddon*

Jessica Patchett

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 402

*How Lovely, Lord*

MERLE'S TUNE

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Emmanuel Amposah

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kate Colussy-Estes

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

*Precious Lord*

Traditional Gospel Song

Hope Bradford, soloist; Chancel Choir

arr. Nathan Carter

*The text can be found at Hymn No. 834, plus the following stanza:*

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, and lead me home.

## † AT THE PRESENTATION *Hymn No. 240: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks! (Stanza 4)*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

## † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## † HYMN NO. 542

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## † CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn 543: God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Stanza 1)*

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;  
God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Soli Deo Gloria*  
*(To God Alone be the Glory)*

David Maxwell

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. For more information, contact Kate at [kcestes@cpatlanta.org](mailto:kcestes@cpatlanta.org)

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.

## This week at Central Presbyterian Church

### Sunday, February 23

- 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. APNC Meeting
- 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth serving at the Night Shelter

### Monday, February 24

*No scheduled events.*

### Tuesday, February 25

- 3:30 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting

### Ash Wednesday, February 26

- 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
with Imposition of Ashes  
*Rand Chapel*
- 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
with Imposition of Ashes  
*Rand Chapel*
- 8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 27

- 4:00 p.m. UKirk College Ministry
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, February 28

*No events scheduled.*

### Saturday, February 29

*No events scheduled.*

### Sunday, March 1

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Global Mission Committee Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

## Justice Day

Join us for Justice Day at the Capitol from 8:30-3:30pm on Thursday, February 27. Justice Day is an opportunity to learn about criminal legal reforms, to build relationships with others who care, and to advocate for change to elected officials. Look for the sign up link in the weekly, and contact Hannah Trawick or Kate Colussy-Estes for more information.

## Worship Notes and Announcements

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

**Also participating in worship today is the Liturgical Drama Ensemble**

**Lector of the Day:** Becca Leland

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

**Choir Guild:** Dot Phillips

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[www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org)

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

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## Ash Wednesday Box

Ash Wednesday services will take place at 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Rand Chapel. We look forward to seeing you and participating in this special time as we begin the Lenten Journey together. Pastor Jessica will also be hosting a Zoom Bible Study: A Lenten Spiritual Journey throughout all Tuesdays in March from noon to 1 p.m. Look for updates and a link in our special Lenten newsletter coming Monday.

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