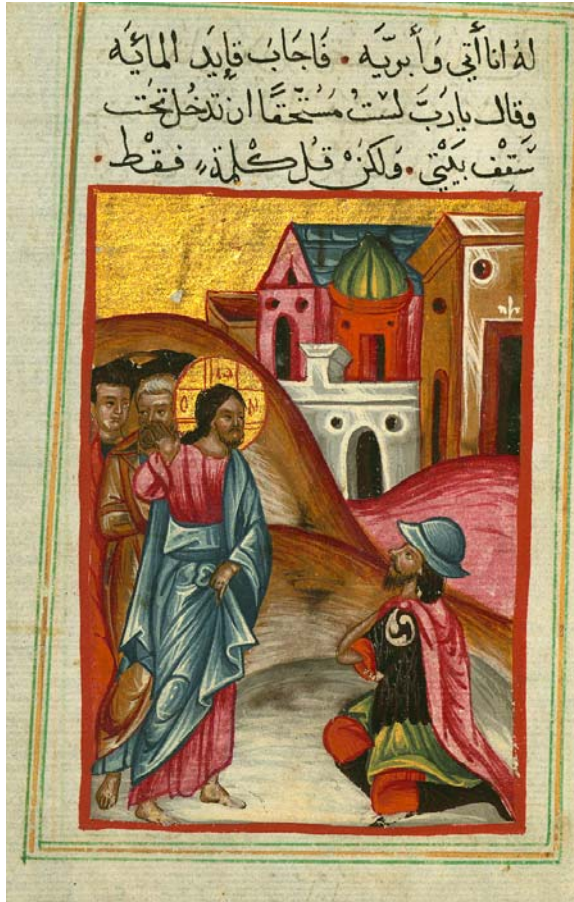


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 29, 2016 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant*  
Bazzi Rahib, Ilyas Basim Khuri

This painting is taken from an illuminated and illustrated Arabic manuscript of the Gospels and was copied in 1694 in Egypt by Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib, who was most likely a Coptic monk. It is one of approximately fifty illustrations in the four gospels.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### OPENING VOLUNTARY CONCERTO IN D MAJOR (FIRST MOVEMENT)

CARL PHILIPP STAMITZ

ERIN PITTS, VIOLA, AND SHARON BERENSON, PIANIST

*(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.*

### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### ✦ OPENING SENTENCES

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

*We are called to be witnesses of God's love,  
To love one another and our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are called to be witnesses of God's justice,  
To stand with the oppressed and speak out for those in need.  
We are called to be witnesses of God's peace,  
To be bearers of peace in the world.  
We are called to be witnesses of God.  
Come, let us follow Jesus who leads us into God's ways of love, justice, and peace.*

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:

Our first scripture reading is from the apostle Paul. Paul went around and talked about Jesus. He wrote letters to churches cheering them on so that they would keep following Jesus even when it was hard. Sometimes we need someone to cheer us on and we are blessed because we have one another here at Central.



"Lord, I do not deserve..."  
James Tissot, 1886-96

## ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

MOLLY MCGINNIS

## ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your love knows no bounds, even when we fall short and put ourselves first. We can ignore the cries of the poor and downtrodden because they are inconvenient. We turn away from the news because it is too disturbing to hear the brokenness of the world. Forgive us for our foolish ways. Call us to live into this world as bearers of your love, truth, and forgiveness . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## ✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ✦PASSING THE PEACE

## ✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 610, STANZA 1

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN NO. 456, REFRAIN

NENO LAKE MUNGU

*(Please sing as directed)*

Cantor: Listen,

All: Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting  
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

## FIRST READING

GALATIANS 1:1-12

PAGE 179, NT, PEW BIBLE

## PSALTER ANTHEM

SING A NEW SONG (PSALM 96)

HEINRICH SCHÜTZ

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

Sing a new song to God the Lord. Sing and give praise with one accord.  
For God's salvation God doth give, that through God's mercy, we may live.  
Worship the Lord in holiness, hymns of great joy to God address.  
Honor God's works and bless God's name. God's grace and truth to all proclaim.  
Heaven above and earth below, ocean and field God's glory show.  
All of God's creatures sing God's praise. Let us now, too, our voices raise.  
Glory and thanks to God belong; honor God evermore in song.

## SECOND READING

LUKE 7:1-10

PAGE 61, NT, PEW BIBLE

## SERMON

MICHELLE HWANG

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## ✦HYMN NO. 177

I WILL COME TO YOU

YOU ARE MINE

## ✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BELHAR CONFESSION

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 lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving 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 credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine. Amen.

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

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

ARIA AND CHANSON

JOHN RUTTER

JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE AND JASON MAYNARD, ORGAN

### ✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### ✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### ✦ HYMN No. 766

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND (STANZAS 1-4)

MCKEE

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 766, STANZA 5

MCKEE

The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.

Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TRUMPET TUNE

DAVID N. JOHNSON

The Belhar Confession (1982) was written by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church as a theological challenge to South African apartheid. In 2010 the General Assembly of the PC(USA) recommended it for inclusion in the Book of Confessions but it was not approved by the vote of the presbyteries. In 2014 it was again recommended by GA, and this time was confirmed by the vote of the presbyteries. This vote will be reconfirmed by GA this summer in Portland and it will be included in our Book of Confessions. It will be the first confession from southern hemisphere Reformed Christians to join the current Euro-centric 16th, 17th, and 20th century confessions.

### 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.

During the offering, take a minute 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.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Anna George Traynham and Molly McGinnis.

Our lector today is Kitsy Battle.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at [www.cpcast.org](http://www.cpcast.org). You may also subscribe to podcasts at that site.

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Sarah Paulsen

## WELCOME VISITORS

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you found your way to Central. Please sign the friendship pads located in each pew so we may know who you are. If you would like more information please email Anna George Traynham, [atraynham@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:atraynham@cpcatlanta.org) or see one of our greeters wearing a **RED CARNATION** immediately after worship.

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain

### Greeters

Ann Bryan ▪ John Bryan  
Carol McCullough ▪ David Messer

### Sound Engineer

Jeff Spruell

### Counters

Kevin Byers ▪ Tom Holcomb

### Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

### Choir Guild

Kathy Kohn

### Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Pittman Family  
Laura, Annie, and Sam

### Narthex Greeters

Kathy Harben  
Juliana Winters

### Deacons of the Day

Martha Kimes ▪ Em McNair

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, May 29

12:15 p.m.

Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Lunch

### Monday, May 30

Church Offices Closed

### Tuesday, May 31

10:00 a.m.

Program Staff

11:00 a.m.

Worship Staff

### Wednesday, June 1

6:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

### Thursday, June 2

12:00 p.m.

Local Mission

6:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee

### Friday, June 3

Young Adult Retreat begins

### Saturday, June 4

5:00 p.m.

Celebration of Ministry  
of Gary Charles  
*Ashe Home*

### Sunday, June 5

9:45 a.m.

Summer Series begins

9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship for the Lord's Day

Gary Charles preaching

12:15 p.m.

Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Lunch

12:15 p.m.

Global Mission

2:00 p.m.

Erin Pitts Recital

*Rand Chapel*

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Summer Series 2016 begins June 5, at 9:45 a.m. in the Atrium, led by Dr. Mark Douglas of Columbia Theological Seminary.

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