

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 31, 2016 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Icon depicting the Emperor Constantine, accompanied by the bishops of the First Council of Nicaea (325), holding the Nicene Creed.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

SPIRITUAL MEDLEY

VARIOUS

TYRONE JACKSON, 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

#### CHORAL INTROIT

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

WONDROUS LOVE

VIRGINIA SCHENCK AND TYRONE JACKSON

*(See text at Hymn No. 215)*

#### ✦ OPENING SENTENCES

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 107

*Give thanks to our God, for God is good.*

STEVE BACON

**God's love endures forever!**

*Let us give thanks to God for the wonderful things God has done for us.*

**God's love endures forever!**

*Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth.*

**God's love endures forever!**

*We are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the Creator.*

**God's love endures forever!**

*There is no longer slave and free, but Christ is all and in all.*

**God's love endures forever!**

#### ✦ HYMN NO. 716

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

BEACH SPRING

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.

We welcome jazz vocalist Virginia Schenck. Virginia grew up in Florida and became an internationally-known music therapist before moving to Atlanta and becoming active in the local jazz scene. Her first CD, *CD VA*, was released in 2012, and her newest, *Interior Notions*, came out last year to wide acclaim. She is joined this morning by jazz pianist Tyrone Jackson, who is Professor and Artist in Residence in the Jazz Department of Kennesaw State University. He has performed with many of the leading jazz artists and has numerous CDs, most recently *Another Voyage*. We are so pleased that they could be with us in worship this morning.

## For the younger ones among us:

Almost every Sunday after the sermon the whole congregation stands up and speaks together a "creed." A creed says something about what we believe. In our church we have agreed on several creeds, and each week we say a part of one of those. Today we are saying one of the very oldest creeds. Ask your parents how long ago this creed was written!

In 325 C.E., Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor, decided that the question of the relationship between the Creator and Jesus must be resolved. He asked the bishops from the entire church to come together at Nicaea to discuss and agree on a creed. The gathering at Nicaea is called the first ecumenical council because representatives came from churches in Asia, Africa and Europe. (One of the participants was "Santa Claus," from Myra, Turkey, where he was known as Bishop Nicholas.) Later in the fourth century a second ecumenical council met in Constantinople to deal with the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the Father and the Son. What is called the Nicene Creed contains an additional paragraph about the Holy Spirit that was added in 381.

## ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

## ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, first and last, you offer yourself to us completely and call us to your life. Yet we are afraid, for your Way demands much of us. We confess that we are often quick to judge and slow to forgive. We confess that we choose that which does not satisfy, even as you offer us abundant life. When our fear overrides your call, forgive us. When we act from our own limited love rather than your expansive grace, forgive us. Cast out our fear and fill us with the breath of your Spirit we pray . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## ✦KYRIE

SINGAPURA

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

## ✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ✦PASSING THE PEACE

## ✦RESPONSE HYMN NO. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2, 12-14, 2:18-23

PAGE 629, OT, PEW BIBLE

### SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

PAGE 193, NT, PEW BIBLE

### SERMON

KOINONIA MOTIVE

MICHELLE HWANG

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## ✦HYMN NO. 834

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

PRECIOUS LORD

*(Soloist will sing Stanza 1, then congregation will sing stanzas 1 and 2)*

## ✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the  
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will  
have no end.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOLLY MCGINNIS

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS*

SLANE

VIRGINIA SCHENCK, JAZZ VOCALIST AND TYRONE JACKSON, PIANIST

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our walking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice in contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be ther at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. Amen.

## ✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH

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. 329

*GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH*

WINCHESTER OLD

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 643, STANZA 1

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD*

SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

### 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.

The paper lace banners hanging in the front of the sanctuary were designed by Ellen Phillips and cut by the Music and Liturgical Arts Committee. Ellen says this about the banners: "Many people think that Ordinary Time refers to the time of the liturgical year that is not important, but that is not the case at all. It is a time of growth for the church so the liturgical color is green, paralleling (at least in the northern hemisphere) the new life and growth that occurs all around us during these weeks between Easter and Advent. The new banners celebrate God's Abundance. From the birds in the air to the fish in the waters, God has poured out God's goodness to be enjoyed by us all. The banner is crowded with birds and bugs and flowers and fruit and eggplants and eels, living and flourishing as part of God's perfect plan."

Downstairs in the Washington Street entrance are two quilted Ordinary Time banners created by Alberta Irwin. The designs are adapted from *Biblical Blocks* by Rosemary Makhan. They were pieced and quilted by Alberta with help from Kitsy Battle and Vicky Norman. The fabrics are Batiks hand dyed in a leaf design. The two hangings are accompanied by a "map" identifying each of the blocks in the pattern.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Steve Bacon, Anna George Traynham, and Molly McGinnis.

Our lector today is Kathy McCloud.

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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## MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS TEACHING ELDERS

Sarah Paulsen

Erin Burt

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain

### Greeters

Ann Bryan ▪ John Bryan

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### Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Pittman Family

Laura, Annie, and Sam

### Narthex Greeters

Kathy Harben

Juliana Winters

### Deacons of the Day

Anne Blankinship ▪ Martha Haythorn

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, July 31

12:15 p.m.

Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Lunch

### Monday, August 1

No events scheduled

### Tuesday, August 2

10:00 a.m.

Worship Staff

### Wednesday, August 3

No events scheduled

### Thursday, August 4

12:00 p.m.

Local Mission Meeting

### Friday, August 5

No events scheduled

### Saturday, August 6

10:00 a.m.

YA & X&Y to Six Flags

6:00 p.m.

Middle Eastern Dinner

Olive Bistro

### Sunday, August 7

9:45 a.m.

Summer Series continues

9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Worship for the Lord's Day

Michelle Hwang preaching

12:15 p.m.

Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Lunch

2:00 p.m.

Funeral Service

Floyd Rhodes

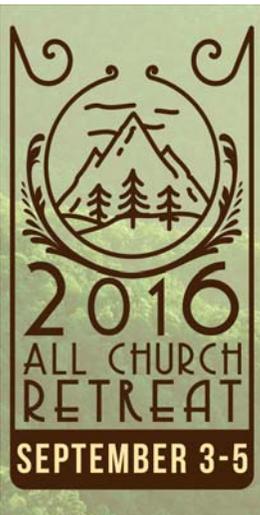
## WELCOME VISITORS

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.

## SUMMER FUN WITH THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Event Committee has been working hard to bring you a slam bang group of events for your summer enjoyment. A **Middle Eastern Dinner at Olive Bistro in Town Brookhaven** – Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The third in a series of ethnic fare dinners featuring the delicious Middle Eastern/Greek fare of Olive Bistro in Town Brookhaven. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow Centralites. Sign up for the event on our website so that we know you are joining us.

**Pool Party at the home of Jill and Brady Lum** – Sunday, August 14 from 3:00-7:00 pm. An event which is sure to please the young and the young at heart. The Lums have graciously opened their house and pool to a summer evening pool party perfect for families and anyone else who likes to be around kids having fun! The Event Committee will supply the main course and drinks and requests that all bring a side or dessert to finish off the meal. (Register on the church website to sign up for the event and indicate a side dish/dessert that you will bring).



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## The POLITICAL PRESBYTERIAN

How *faith* informs  
Public Engagement



Summer Series 2016 has begun and continues each Sunday through August 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Atrium. The leader on August 7 will be Graham Younger. The topic will be *Faith in Public Life: Advancing Faith Voices in the Public Square.*