

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2016 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hear, O Israel



Shema Yisrael - Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel, The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

KINGSFOLD

ROBERT J. POWELL

KEN COURTNEY, GUEST ORGANIST

(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

*Gather us in, O God,
Your people are here to worship!
Hold us in faith, O God,
We are here to serve.
Send us in hope, O God,
We are here to follow.*

ELAINE MURRAY DREEBEN

KIMBERLY PARKER

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 guest organist Ken Courtney, from Aiken, South Carolina. Ken is an experienced church musician, and recently served as the Conference Director for the 2015 Mo/PAM Worship and Music Conference sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

✦ HYMN No. 301

LET US BUILD A HOUSE

TWO OAKS

For the younger ones among us:

You've probably seen a list of rules in your classroom at school. They say things like: Listen Carefully. Listen to the teacher. Be kind to others. The religious leaders of Jesus' day liked to sit around and discuss the law or commandments, which were their set of rules. In our Matthew passage, one of the religious leaders asked Jesus "Which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus says that the most important rules are to love God and to love your neighbor. We love each other because God first loved us!

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.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE BACON

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ELSA PETERS

Gracious God, we pray for new understanding because we are tormented by our doubts and mistakes. We confess that we have been impatient with your ways. We have not trusted your wisdom but have insisted on our own ways. We have been so overwhelmed and frustrated by what does not make sense that we have denied your righteousness and your salvation. We have ignored your glory. We have dismissed your love. Forgive us, Gracious God. Grant us new understanding . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

AVON GILLESPIE

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

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 435. STANZA 1

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

PAGE 166, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 22:34-40

PAGE 23, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

MOLLY MCGINNIS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 187

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

BRADBURY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHMA

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

THE GIFT OF LOVE

HAL HOPSON

CHORAL ENSEMBLE

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, out hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, and are freed. Amen.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

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. 757

TODAY WE ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

KINGSFOLD

✦ LITANY OF CELEBRATION *(See insert)*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 372, STANZA 5

AZMON

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FESTAL FLOURISH

GORDON JACOB

KEN COURTNEY, GUEST ORGANIST

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."

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Steve Bacon, Anna George Traynham, and Kimberly Parker.

Our lector today is Jean Ellen Jones.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org.

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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 or see one of the pastors 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. Join us for a **Pool Party** at the home of Jill and Brady Lum – today, 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).

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Susan Landrum ▪ Hugh Landrum,
co-captains ▪ Carolyn Porter
Mike Sizemore ▪ Rudy Massengill
Kathy McCloud ▪ Terry Tusher
Shelley Parnes

Greeters

Ruth Dinkins ▪ Shirley Landrum
Roland Kinser ▪ Deanna Robbins

Deacons of the Day

Vicki Norman ▪ Richard Woodring

Sound Engineer

Kim McNair

Counters

Lee Biola ▪ David Messer
Carol McCullough Messer

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Cook-Byers Family
Sarah, Kevin, Sam & David

Bell Ringer

Judy Kisla

Cashier

Lee Ebeling

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, August 14

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:30 p.m. Council of Ministries
Library
12:30 p.m. Adult Education Comm.
Brotherhood
12:45 p.m. Invitation Committee Mtg.
Parlor
3:00 p.m. Pool Party
Lum Home

Monday, August 15

No events scheduled

Tuesday, August 16

9:30 a.m. Staff Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship Staff
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
Kirkland/Yarbrough Home

Wednesday, August 17

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

Thursday, August 18

No events scheduled

Friday, August 19

10:00 a.m. Main Frame Graduation
OAC
7:30 p.m. Choir Camp begins
Columbia Theological Sem.

Saturday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Choir Camp continues
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir dinner

Sunday, August 21

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
Anna George Traynham
preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

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Summer Series 2016 has begun and continues each Sunday through August 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Atrium. The leader on August 21 will be Richard Griffiths. The topic will be *Bonfires to Breaking News*.