

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 28, 2016 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Cripples*  
Pieter Bruegel, 1525-1569

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

FOLK TUNE

PERCY W. WHITLOCK

KEN COURTNEY, GUEST ORGANIST

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

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEVE BACON

*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 come to worship because God has invited us.  
We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.  
We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.  
We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.  
We come to worship as we are, knowing that God will meet us here.  
Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this space.  
Let us worship God!*

#### ✦ HYMN NO. 65

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

CWM RHONDDA

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.

## For the younger ones among us:

School has begun and already we are put into groups. Some of us are one group because we are good at sports or music and some of us are in other groups based on what we wear. But Jesus insists that in God's eyes we are all worthy and beloved. We are all always welcome at God's table no matter what!

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."

### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

MICHELLE HWANG

*The one who knit us together in our mothers' wombs searches us and knows our hearts.*

There is no hiding our sin from our Creator, but also no need to hide.

*For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love.*

Trusting in the one who makes us whole, let us offer our whole selves to God.

### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ADAPTED FROM SUDIE NIESEN THOMPSON

Holy God,

You claimed us before the foundation of the world, and set us apart for your work – to pluck up the weeds of injustice and tear down walls that divide; to plant seeds of compassion and build your kingdom of peace.

Too often we cower in fear, instead of stepping out in faith.

Forgive us, God, when we resist our callings

and choose what is comfortable over what is faithful.

Help us remember that – in you – we are fully known and fully loved. . .

*(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. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 2:4-13

PAGE 716, OT, PEW BIBLE

### SECOND READING

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

PAGE 72, NT, PEW BIBLE

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**     *I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER*  
(Sung - See insert)

GENEVA 42  
DAVID GAMBRELL

**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**     *LOOK WHO GATHERS AT CHRIST'S TABLE*

JOHN FERGUSON

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JOSEPH BEVERLY, CLARINET

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.  
Some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing.  
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.  
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear.  
Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, their fear.  
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;  
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,  
But they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise  
For the host who has invited north and south and east and west  
To converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring our sadness, and prepare to be surprised  
By the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes  
When he blesses bread and breaks it - truth and manna from above!  
And then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

✦ **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.372     *O FOR A WORLD, STANZAS 1-4*

AZMON

✦ **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**     *FUGUE IN G MAJOR*

J. S. BACH

From the composer: It is well known that John Calvin encouraged the singing of metrical psalms. In researching 16th century worship I learned that Calvin's congregation also sang a metrical version of the Apostles' Creed. For the 2009 commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth, I wrote this new paraphrase of the creed and set it to a melody Calvin likely know: Psalm 42 from the 1551 *Genevan Psalter*.

### 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our liturgists today** are Michelle Hwang, Anna George Traynham, and Molly McGinnis.

**Our lector today** is Charlie Richards.

**Audio recordings** of sermons may be found at [www.cpcast.org](http://www.cpcast.org).

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## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain  
Mary Sidney Harbert ▪ Sherry Wright  
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Em McNair ▪ Wills Moore

### Greeters

Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans  
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### Deacons of the Day

Em McNair ▪ Martha Kimes

### Collectors of Friendship Pads

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### Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

### Counters

Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser  
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith

### Choir Guild

Kathy McCloud

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, August 28

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
12:15 p.m. Global Mission

### Monday, August 29

No events scheduled

### Tuesday, August 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff

### Wednesday, August 31

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

### Thursday, September 1

No events scheduled

### Friday, September 2

No events scheduled

### Saturday, September 3

All Church Retreat begins - Montreat

### Sunday, September 4

All Church Retreat continues  
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day  
Katie Givens-Kime  
preaching  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

### Monday, September 5

All Church Retreat concludes  
Church Offices Closed

## 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 the pastors after worship.

## STAFFING NEWS

**Kimberly Raley-Kimes** is Central's new Learning and Communications Coordinator. A new Atlanta resident, Kim was formerly the Advertising and Marketing Director at Garden City Realty in Garden City Beach, SC. She and her husband Kent are the parents of two children, Ava and Gabriel, and live in the Decatur area.

With the completion of the Residency Program the Session has extended calls to **Anna George Traynham** and **Molly McGinnis** to continue their ministry at Central with the new title of Associate Pastor. They will continue in their roles of pastoral care and leadership for the remainder of their original terms, Anna for one year and Molly for two years. The Presbytery classifies these new calls as "contract" positions.

**Leslie Boyette** has joined the staff as Interim Organist. He is a former Organist and Choirmaster at St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church in Peachtree City, and a former Organist at Strawbridge United Methodist Church in Kingwood, TX.

Since moving back to Atlanta in 2012 Leslie has been singing in the Cathedral Choir and Schola at The Cathedral of St. Philip and substituting at metro Atlanta churches as needed. He also works as a full-time paralegal for a law firm in Atlanta.

**Lo Clark** has returned to Central as Food Service Manager and Chef for the Child Development Center and for our congregational meals.

## KICK-OFF SUNDAY September 11, 2016

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Breakfast  
10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

### The following Choirs begin on the 11th:

9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir -  
Pre-K-1st Grade  
9:00 a.m. Nazareth Choir  
2nd-5th Grades  
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir -  
6th-12th Grades  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6th-12th Grades

### Youth Kick-Off on the 11th

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting  
Youth Suite  
6:00 p.m. Youth Kick-Off Meeting  
Tull Hall