



Praise
Timothy Botts, Calligrapher

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY FESTIVE TOCCATA ON OLD HUNDREDTH CATHY MOKLEBUST
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

(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

*Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Let us praise the Lord as long as we live;
Let us sing praises to our God!*

FROM PSALM 146
MOLLY MCGINNIS

✦ **HYMN** No. 390 PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE THE LORD!

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

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:

Today we will sing and read about trusting God. We believe that God is in charge of the whole world, and God loves us very much. Even on a very bad day, we can remember that God is in charge, and God is good! Look for the word "trust" in our bulletin, hymns, and scripture today. What does it mean?

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

MICHELLE HWANG

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You create life and call it good;
Forgive us when we cannot see the goodness.
You call us to serve you and our neighbor.
Forgive us when we serve power, money, or status.
You are sovereign and worthy of our praise.
Forgive us when we are too weak to trust, too afraid to doubt, or too tired to try.
Hear us, God of Jacob.
Meet us in our confession,
and move us deeper into life. . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - 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

PSALM 146

PAGE 593, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

PRAISE GOD'S HOLY NAME

KEITH HAMPTON

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise God's Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise God's Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.

Holy Jesus, praise God's name!

SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

PAGE 202, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

IS THIS REAL LIFE?

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 686

GOD OF OUR LIFE

SANDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

BASED ON PSALM 146

Why do we gather to worship God?

We gather to praise the Lord as long as we live. We will sing praises to God all our life long.

In whom do we place our trust?

We do not put our trust in earthly rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Our help is in the God of Jacob. Our hope is in the Lord our God.

What do we know to be true about God?

God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

God keeps faith forever, executes justice for the oppressed, and gives food to the hungry.

God lifts up those who are bowed down.

How long will God be sovereign?

The Lord will reign for ever: our God for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GRATITUDE, HOSPITALITY, AND GENEROSITY

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN*
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. THOMAS GREGORY

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. 837

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE!

SHOWALTER

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 390

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

SHOWALTER

SAM BATT OWENS



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.

This handbell anthem was commissioned and dedicated to Jack Roorbach in honor of his 90th birthday on September 24. It is especially meaningful to the Geneva Handbell Choir because it was arranged by Liz Jaffe's father, Tom Gregory, who died earlier this month. We also dedicate this musical offering to Tom, and to Liz and her family.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang and Molly McGinnis.

Our lector today is Grady Williams.

Interim Pastor David Cozad is away this weekend fulfilling a prior commitment to officiate at a wedding in Tennessee.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may subscribe to podcasts at that site and find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact Anna George Traynham at atraynham@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

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

Greeters

Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans
Nancy Wilkes ▪ Martha Kimes

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Deacons of the Day

Ben Evans ▪ David York

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Shirley & Hugh Landrum ▪ Liz
Burkhardt

Bell Ringer

Cal Engstrom

Counters

Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith

Choir Guild

Ann Hunter

DELIGHT!

Join us and Emory Professor Emeritus Don Saliers on **Tuesday, October 18**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Kisla and Leslie Pope for the first small-group session on the Theology of Play, part of our new Vital Worship grant from the Calvin Institute of Worship. Don will talk about the second chapter of his book, *Worship Comes to Its Senses*, which, as you might have guessed, is about "delight." The evening will include a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please RSVP to smcdonald@cpcatlanta.org so we can plan appropriately for refreshments.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, September 25

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:45 p.m. Town Hall Meeting
On Mission Identity
6:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner
Lum Home

Monday, September 26

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 p.m. Program Staff
10:30 a.m. Worship Staff
1:30 p.m. Revelation Ringers

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

No events scheduled.

Friday, September 30

No events scheduled.

Saturday, October 1

10:00 a.m. African Drumming Wksh.
5:00 p.m. Potluck dinner for Parents
Of Young Children
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Dinner

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 p.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. Kiva
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Michelle Hwang preaching
Peace and Global Witness
Offering
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
2:30 p.m. Memorial Concert in
Memory of Rosemary
Richter
6:00 p.m. Youth Hang-out



Join us at the
**PRIDE
Parade!**
Sunday,
October 9

COME TO THE MISSION IDENTITY TOWN HALL TODAY

Why do we do what we do in mission ministries? What is God calling us to do? Please plan to attend the **Town Hall meeting in the atrium (note new location)** following worship and lunch. Add your voice to our discernment when we evaluate mission identity statements and decide the criteria by which we will make program decisions. You won't need a mobile phone or iPad this time - just come and let your voice be heard.