

NOVEMBER 20, 2016 | REIGN OF CHRIST



This beautiful stained glass window is located near the center of the sanctuary on the courtyard side. *Christ the King* (also referred to as *Reign of Christ*) Sunday marks the end of Ordinary Time. Next week will be the first Sunday of Advent. Christ the King Sunday centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING*
YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. J. THOMAS SIMPSON

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND
RECOGNITION OF OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed be our God who looks with kindness on us.

We are the inheritors of the promise made long ago to our ancestors.

Blessed be our God who gathers us here in this place.

**From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home
to the heart of grace.**

Blessed be our God who has remembered us.

Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

ADAPTED FROM THOM SHUMAN

MOLLY MCGINNIS

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:

Today we are highlighting that Jesus reigns in our lives. When we say reign we are telling the world that Jesus' teachings and ways are our ways. We will love everyone, seek justice for those who are left out, and forgive.

Cornelius Plantinga, Dean of the Chapel, Calvin College writes this about the anthem text: "Sylvia Dunstan reflects for us some of the rich variety of Christological titles, metaphors, and descriptions in the Scriptures. Dunstan also cites our own ambivalence toward this paradoxical Christ: we scorn and crave him...he is God's gift, but we must count the cost of following him. And every stanza addresses Christ as 'the everlasting instant,' a phrase that gives us at once the universality and the particularity of Christ, his divinity and humanity, his location on the human time strand and his transcendence of all times and strands."

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

DAVID COZAD

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THOM SHUMAN

In these moments, Remembering God,
we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:
we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;
we cast our lots with those who worship power and success;
we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us;
we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Christ, _____
_____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____ You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 435, STANZA 2

IN BABILONE

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PROCLAIMING AND SEALING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 46

PAGE 524, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

CHRISTUS PARADOX

ARR. ALFRED FEDAK

CHANCEL CHOIR

TEXT: SYLVIA DUNSTAN

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory, worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.

Alleluia, You, who are our death and our life.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

MARILYN ELIZABETH MORGAN

PRESENTATION

VOWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)

P. 35, HYMNAL

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTIZING

BLESSING

HYMN No. 486

CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE

KINGDOM

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

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. FRED GRAMANN

✦ 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. 826

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

CRUCIFER

✦ BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN No. 267, STANZA 3

MADRID

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

Singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL IN E FLAT

DAVID N. JOHNSON

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.

Today we have reversed the usual order of the Charge and Benediction. This is to emphasize the missional character of worship, where we are sent out to be Christ's body in the world, blessed to be a blessing. This new ordering will appear in the revision of the Book of Common Worship, due out in 2018.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad, Anna George Traynham, and Molly McGinnis.

Our lector today is Vicki Collier.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism today as Jonathan and Kelly Morgan bring their daughter, Mae, born April 17, 2016, to be baptized. Participating are Emily Hilimire, Ruling Elder, and Drew Hilimire, representing the children of the congregation.

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 David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain
Vicki Collier ▪ Philip Covin
Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake
Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers

Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes

Deacons of the Day

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Counters

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Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:
Ginger & Russell
The Lewis Amos Family:
Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth

Bell Ringer

Tom Banyau

Choir Guild

Lynne Rea

CELEBRATING THE OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY

Please join us after worship in the Brotherhood Room at 12:45 for a special program to recognize the closing of the Open Door Community. Come celebrate and give thanks for this important and long-standing ministry!

FAIR TRADE SALE

On the third Sunday of every month, the Global Mission committee sells fair trade coffee, olive oil, chocolate, and more! We are now accepting credit cards, as well. Stop by Tull Hall after worship to purchase some fair trade items at a fair price!

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, November 20

12:15 p.m.	Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m.	Fair Trade Coffee Sale
12:15 p.m.	Council of Ministries
12:45 p.m.	Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m.	Cancer Ministry Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Youth Hangout

Monday, November 21

1:00 p.m. Worship Staff

Tuesday, November 22

No events scheduled

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office closes at Noon

Thursday, November 24

Church Offices Closed

Friday, November 25

Church Offices Closed

Saturday, November 26

No events scheduled

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m.	Children's Choirs
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	Kiva
11:00 a.m.	Worship for the Lord's Day First Sunday of Advent Anna George Traynham preaching
12:15 p.m.	Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Jerusalem Choir



Order Scottish Shortbread Cookies for the holidays after worship in Tull Hall, and support the Chancel Choir's trip to Scotland. Cookies will be baked by choir members on December 10 for pick up on Sunday, December 11 after church. Our trial batch was pronounced absolutely yummy!