

MARCH 26, 2017 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Born Again
From *Sanctified Art*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

FANTASY NO. 1 IN F MINOR
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARNOLD B. SHERMAN

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*With the Good Shepherd as our guide, we lack nothing.
God leads us along peaceful paths, restoring our souls.
Even in the shadow of death, we fear no evil.
For the Good Shepherd walks with us day and night.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow all the days of our lives.
We shall dwell in the house of the Holy God all our life long.*

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 23

DAVID COZAD

✦ HYMN NO. 32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

ELLACOMBE

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

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:

In today's scripture passage, Jesus heals a blind man who had been begging outside the Temple for years. The leaders of the Temple hardly noticed him and did not recognize him when he was not begging. But Jesus paid attention to the blind man and treated him with respect. How can we truly see people?

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when you call us to hope and to act with great boldness, we tremble at your presence and cover our eyes. We are afraid of what we will see for your greatness unveils our weakness and your justice unveils our brokenness. Give us the strength to renounce that which hides you from us. Give us the wisdom to execute justice and righteousness. Give us the courage to uncover our hearts that we might see the grace of your Son and not lose heart. O Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

PARDINI

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

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE

UBI CARITAS

BECKI SLAGLE MAYO

NAZARETH CHOIR; RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR; RICK WORNAT, ACCOMPANIST

Ubi caritas, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Where there is charity and love, God is always there.

We have gathered in this place, joining hearts in love and praise,
Giving thanks to God above, we go out to serve in love.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

PAGE 186 NT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER

PSALM 23 – THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD FROM REQUIEM

JOHN RUTTER

CHANCEL CHOIR; REBECCA COLLINS TESTERMAN, OBOE; SUSAN BRADY, HARP

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture; and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul; and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear not evil;

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me;
thou has anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

JOHN 9:1-41

PAGE 97 NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

BEFORE AND AFTER

MICHELLE HWANG

John Rutter's *Requiem*, premiered in 1985, is a modern day setting of the Latin Requiem Mass, set in seven movements, five of which are parts of the traditional requiem mass, and two, the second and the sixth, are written in English and drawn from the Psalms. Today we hear the sixth movement, based on Psalm 23, scored for choir, oboe, harp, and organ. Next week you will hear movement two, based on Psalm 130, and scored for choir, cello, and organ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 451

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

OPEN MY EYES

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM THE APOSTLES' CREED

What do we believe when we confess our faith in "God the Father Almighty"?

That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.

What do we affirm when we confess our faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do we believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served.

The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.

What do we affirm when we speak of "the life everlasting"?

That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself.

In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world.

By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled.

To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God.

Through him we are raised from death to new life.

For him we shall live to all eternity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOLLY MCGINNIS

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 NOCTURNE IN A MINOR
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

KAREN BUCKWALTER

✦ 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. 817 WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

DUNLAP'S CREEK

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY A LITTLE FUGUE FROM SUITE IN C - DELAWARE SUITE

DAVID SCHELAT

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Lenten Prayer Tree

During the Lenten season, we are placing two Prayer Trees in the Sanctuary. After you have received the elements today, you are invited to go to the trees to tie a colored prayer ribbon on a branch to represent your prayer concerns. By Easter the tree will have "bloomed" with a visible, tangible manifestation of our congregation's prayers. Let us lift up our hearts together in prayer!

Color key for the ribbons

PINK - Praise and Adoration
RED - Courage
YELLOW - Thanksgiving
SILVER - Wholeness & Healing
LT. GREEN - Confession and Forgiveness
TURQUOISE - Strength
WHITE - Peace
PURPLE - Wisdom and Discernment

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.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our lector today is Mark Borst.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcatlanta.org. You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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Erin Burt
Julia Watkins

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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13

12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
Rand Chapel

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Services
In homes.

Friday, April 14

12:15 p.m. Good Friday Service
Rand Chapel

7:00 p.m. Combined Service
at First Presbyterian Church
with Morningside Pres. Church

Sunday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service

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

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Tom Banyai

Deacons of the Day

Juliana Winter ▪ David York

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Liz Burkhardt ▪ Becca Leland
Hugh & Shirley Landrum

Bell Ringer

Tom Banyai

Counters

Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith

Choir Guild

Dot Phillips

LENTEN HOME WORSHIP SERVICES LED BY CLERGY AFFILIATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CENTRAL

The Ministry of Worship is offering informal worship services during the season of Lent in various congregational homes. These evenings will be designed by various clergy-affiliate members and friends of Central and include an educational component. They will close with a short worship service. The final service is:

Friday, March 31, 7:00 p.m.;

Home of Leslie Pope and Judy Kisla,
Leigh Campbell Taylor, leader.

RSVP to smcdonald@cpcatlanta.org.

Food will be served. You are invited to bring your own adult beverage.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, March 26

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for
Tom Thorsen
4:00 p.m. Memorial Service for
George Snyder
Off-site
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Hang-out

Monday, March 27

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 28

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
1:30 p.m. Revelation Ringers

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

No events scheduled.

Friday, March 31

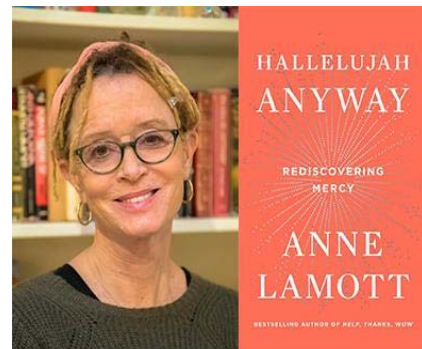
7:00 p.m. Lenten Home Worship
Pope/Kisla Home

Saturday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Officer Training

Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Summer Studies Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Molly McGinnis preaching
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Global Mission Meeting



Saturday, April 8 | 7:00 p.m.

An Evening with Anne Lamott
Tickets are \$22 for single and \$30 for two
(price includes one copy of book)