

Commandment  
Jan Richardson

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *PARTITA ON HYFRYDOL, II. GIOCO SO* DANIEL E. GAWTHROP

*(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

*Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and let us observe it to the end.  
Give us understanding, that we may keep your law,  
and observe it with our whole hearts.  
Turn our hearts to your decrees,  
and not to selfish gain.  
Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;  
give us life in your ways.  
Confirm to your servants your promise,  
and let us worship you.*

FROM PSALM 119

MICHELLE HWANG

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.

Lectionary Texts for today:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

## For the younger ones among us:

In the scripture from Romans, Paul says that all the rules and laws in the bible are really about LOVE. God says to love your neighbor as yourself. That means that we should show respect and kindness for all people, and we should show respect and kindness to ourselves! How can you show someone that you love them today? Write a note to a church member or family member to tell them that you love them and God loves them, and give the note to them after worship.

✦HYMN No. 366

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, you beckon us to wake from our sleep,  
to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign,  
the injustice of our world, and the gap in between.  
You call us to follow in the path of your love.  
Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way.  
Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way,  
the successful way, the nice way,  
the friendly way, the comfortable way.  
Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us  
to follow the Way of justice and love . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

✦KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL

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 HYMN NO. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

PSALM 119:33-40

PAGE 578, OT, PEW BIBLE

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18:15-20

PAGE 19, NT, PEW BIBLE

EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

PAGE 154, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

AN URGENT APPEAL

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN No. 771

WHAT IS THE WORLD LIKE

NEW WORLD

## ✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE PC(USA) BOOK OF ORDER

DAVID COZAD

The Church is the body of Christ.  
Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.  
The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.  
The Church is to be a community of faith,  
entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.  
The Church is to be a community of hope,  
rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.  
This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.  
The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.  
The Church is to be a community of love,  
where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,  
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.  
The Church is to be a community of witness,  
pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace  
in Christ Jesus its Lord. Amen.

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY OPEN THOU MINE EYES

JOHN RUTTER

CHANCEL CHOIR

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;  
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.  
O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else,  
No other, nought else with thee.  
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee, and serve thee according to thy commandments,  
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public.

## ✦AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord be with you.*  
And also with you.  
*Lift up your hearts.*  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise . . .

The Book of Order is more than a collection of rules and procedures. It is also a statement of faith. We believe that Christ alone is head of the church, and, as we read in today's Matthew text, we are to hold one another accountable as members of the body of Christ.

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.

### 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.

# COMMUNION LITURGY

MARK MILLER

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and  
might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - - - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est!

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ has ris - en. Christ will come a -  
gain. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est!

## AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - - - -  
men. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est!



## Information about Fall 2017 Adult Sunday morning classes

[All classes start at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings, and conclude at 10:45 AM,

There will be “Open House” sessions on September 10 and “regular” class sessions begin on September 17.]

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### **The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation | Keystone Class**

Teacher: The Reverend Mary Amos

Class convener: Jean Ellen Jones

Location: Taylor Conference Room

The Keystone Class will read and discuss *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation*, by Richard Rohr. Rohr invites the reader to reimagine the Trinity, not as a “static, forgettable, throwaway doctrine,” but as a “flow of radical relatedness, a circle dance of love.” He invites us to see ourselves as participants in God’s dance of love and communion. In this dance, there is room for all. We invite you to join us for a lively discussion of how this understanding of who God is has the power to transform our lives.

### **Bible Study: Trusting the Covenant | Sojourners Class**

Teachers: Ed Carwile and Robert Catterall

Class convener: Ed Carwile

Location: The Brotherhood Room

The Sojourners Class will continue its study of Scripture through “Trusting the Covenant” – the third of the 3-part Covenant Bible Study program. This program involves scripture reading during the week, with group discussion on Sunday mornings. We will have (through video) guest commentaries by Biblical scholars on each book we will be studying. Each video is hosted by the Rev. Christine Chakoian, a Presbyterian pastor, and the Rev. Shane Stanford, a Methodist pastor. We will start with the Gospel of John and conclude with a study of Revelation.

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## Political Agape: Christian Love and Liberal Democracy | Issues in Theology Class

Teachers: Michael Lloyd and other class participants

Class convener: Michael Lloyd

Location: The OAC “Art Room” (ground floor, Oglesby building)

This fall, the Issues in Theology class will focus discussion on the thoughts and findings of Timothy P. Jackson in his book, *Political Agape: Christian Love and Liberal Democracy*. Especially of interest in today’s political situation, Jackson’s work invites us to think deeply about the issues and the proper role of agapic love in our lives as citizens. Timothy P. Jackson is Professor of Christian Ethics at The Candler School of Theology, and a Senior Fellow at The Center for the Study of Law and Religion, both at Emory University.



## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad and Michelle Hwang.

Our lector today is Matt Baum.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org). You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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|----------------------|---|
| David Cozad          | Interim Pastor  |
| Michelle Hwang       | Associate Pastor for<br>Christian Education and Spiritual Formation |
| Anna George Traynham | Associate Pastor  |
| P. C. (Buddy) Enniss | Pastor Emeritus   |
| David A. VanderMeer  | Minister of Music and Fine Arts                                     |
| Vicki Fey            | Organist  |
| Michael Morgan       | Organist Emeritus   |

### MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sarah Paulsen  
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](mailto:dcozad@cpcatlanta.org) to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Susan Landrum ▪ Hugh Landrum,  
co-captains ▪ Carolyn Porter  
Mike Sizemore ▪ Chris Kelly  
Kathy Walker ▪ Terry Tusher  
Shelley Parnes

### Greeters

Shirley Landrum ▪ Deanna Robbins

### Deacons of the Day

Susan Landrum ▪ Mark Borst

### Sound Engineer

Kim McNair

### Counters

Lee Biola ▪ David Messer  
Carol McCullough Messer

### Collectors of Friendship Pads

Cook-Byers Family  
Sarah, Kevin, Sam & David  
Jo & Ted McMurtrie

### Bell Ringer

Ed Carwile

### Choir Guild

Jane Conyers

## CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

The transition team has scheduled a monthly series of congregational forums to keep our members up to date on the status in the process of identifying a new pastor for Central. The third of these is next Sunday, September 17, immediately after worship.



## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, September 10

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 12:15 p.m. | Fellowship Lunch                       |
| 12:15 p.m. | Ministry Fair continues                |
| 12:15 p.m. | Peace Vigil                            |
| 12:45 p.m. | Council of Ministries                  |
| 3:00 p.m.  | Youth Fellowship<br>Smalley/Young home |

### Monday, September 11

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 11:00 a.m. | Rebekah Circle               |
| 1:45 p.m.  | Worship Staff                |
| 2:30 p.m.  | All Staff                    |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Music & Liturgical Arts Mtg. |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Administration Committee     |

### Tuesday, September 12

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| 1:30 p.m. | Revelation Ringers  |
| 7:00 p.m. | Personnel Committee |

### Wednesday, September 13

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

### Thursday, September 14

No events scheduled

### Friday, September 15

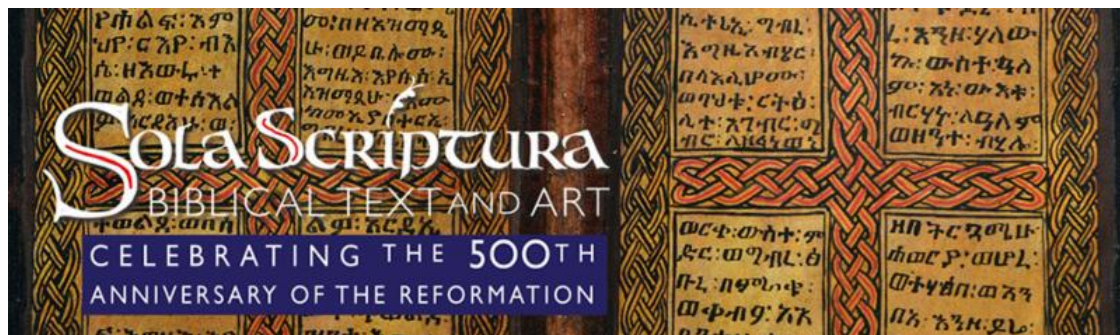
No events scheduled

### Saturday, September 16

No events scheduled

### Sunday, September 17

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Children's Choirs                                   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Youth Handbell Choir                                |
| 10:00 p.m. | Sunday School for all ages                          |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship for the Lord's Day<br>David Cozad preaching |
| 12:15 p.m. | Fellowship Lunch                                    |
| 12:15 p.m. | Peace Vigil   |
| 12:15 p.m. | Congregational Forum                                |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Letitia Campbell Ordination                         |
| 4:50 p.m.  | Jerusalem Choir                                     |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Youth Fellowship                                    |



New art exhibit in Tull Hall—now through mid-October