



*Jonah the Prophet*  
Icon of the Orthodox Church

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

IN BABILONE

ARR. PAUL MANZ

BRENT IVEY, GUEST ORGANIST

*(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

*Gather us in, O God,  
Your people are here to worship!  
Hold us in faith, O God,  
We are here to serve.  
Send us in hope, O God,  
We are here to follow.*

DAVID COZAD

### ✦ HYMN No. 664

MORNING HAS BROKEN

BUNESSAN

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 16:2-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Philemon 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

The Hymn Tune BUNESSAN was named for a tiny village on the Isle of Mull in Scotland, which is on the way to Iona. Many of our youth and a few of the recent travelers to Scotland have passed through this village.

## For the younger ones among us:

Today we are talking about the prophet Jonah. Jonah was chosen by God to warn people about what they were doing wrong but Jonah did not want to follow God's direction. Jonah did not care for these people and thought they deserved to be punished. But in the end, Jonah did what God commanded and then got angry with God when God showed grace to the people and did not punish them. Jonah wanted his enemies to get what he thought they deserved. But God's love is greater than our anger and hate. Think about some people with whom you are angry and pray that God will show grace to them and to you.

### ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

### ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. During the whirlwind of our lives we do not notice your presence waiting to bathe us with peace. Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of bitterness. Give us words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine . . .

*(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

CELTIC ALLELUIA

O'CARROLL/WALKER

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

PAGE 566, OT, PEW BIBLE

### ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR TODAY

MARGARET TUCKER

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere  
Who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hope run out.  
God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere  
Who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.  
God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere  
Who live in comfort, love, and peace, and pray sincerely for strife to cease;  
But who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.

God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere  
To come closer together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.

### SECOND READING

JONAH 3:10 - 4:11

PAGE 886, OT, PEW BIBLE

## SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 435

THERE IS A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

IN BABILONE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM *THE IONA ABBEY WORSHIP BOOK*

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;  
 in the waiting and uncertainty where the sun rises over barbed wire.  
 We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.  
 We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:  
 into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.  
 We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;  
 to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;  
 to stand with those on the edge;  
 to choose life and be used by the spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## GRATITUDE, GENEROSITY, AND HOSPITALITY

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *CANTABILE: A SINGING SPIRIT*  
 GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

LEE AFDAHL

✦ 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!

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 539

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

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✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

AMEN, SIYAKUDUMISA  
 CHANCEL CHOIR

SOUTH AFRICA

*Amen, siyakudumisa. Amen, siyakudumisa.  
 Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo, Amen, siyakudumisa.*

Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
 Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo, Amen, we praise your name, O God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

RECESSIONAL

DAVID WEIR

**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 and Anna George Traynham.  
**Our lector today** is Janet Abercrombie.  
**We thank** Brent Ivey for playing the organ today while Vicki Fey is on vacation.  
**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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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**  
 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**  
 Becky Battle ▪ Kristeen Sorrells

**Collectors of Friendship Pads**  
 Liz Burkhardt ▪ Becca Leland  
 Hugh & Shirley Landrum

**Bell Ringer**  
 Chris Sciarone

**Counters**  
 Doris Beachy ▪ Max Gallman  
 Stephen Smith

**Choir Guild**  
 Beth Gustafson

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS  
 OFFERING** next Sunday, October 1.  
 See insert.



**THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL**

**Sunday, September 24**  
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service  
 Jack Roorbach  
 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

**Monday, September 25**  
 2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Worship Staff  
 6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

**Tuesday, September 26**  
 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Dinner

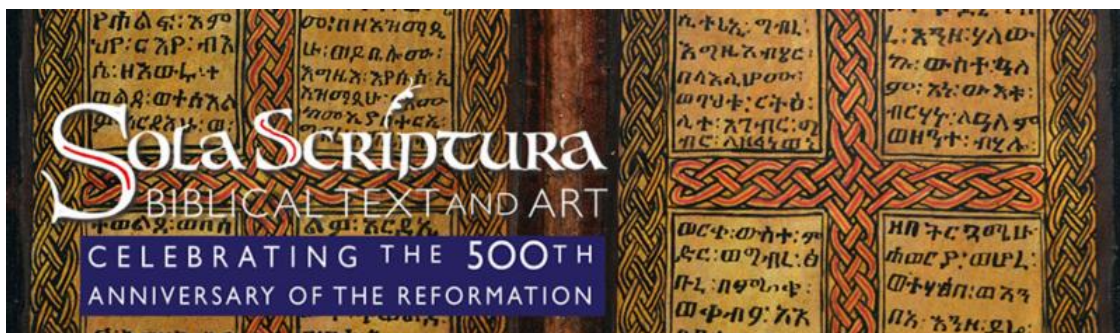
**Wednesday, September 27**  
 5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 28**  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Retreat begins  
 6:00 p.m. GFADP Dinner  
 Tull Fellowship Hall

**Friday, September 29**  
 12:00 p.m. Staff Retreat ends

**Saturday, September 30**  
 No events scheduled

**Sunday, October 1**  
 9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs  
 9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day  
 David Cozad preaching  
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service  
 Nancy Ireland  
 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship



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