

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 26, 2018 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



KINTSUGI



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY SOUL, ADORN THYSELF WITH GLADNESS

JOHANNES BRAHMS

(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

*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous;
God's ears are open to their cry.
Let us worship the One who clothes us in strength
and quenches our souls with mercy.*

FROM PSALM 34:15-16

✦ HYMN NO. 394

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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:

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 34

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

For the younger ones among us:

The New Testament scripture tells us about a person wearing the "armor of God." It is not talking about a real suit of armor! Instead, it is saying that we should hold the love of God SO close that we feel like we are wearing it. Listen to the scripture and draw a picture of the person with a belt of truth, shield of faith, shoes of peace, and goodness covering her shirt!

Kin-dom is a word cited in a number of articles in *The Christian Century* that contrast the notion of "kingdom" - a system in which one man rules over everyone else, with "kin-dom," a movement in which everyone has a part - a network of relationships rather than an organizational chart.

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

PSALM 34:18

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear our prayer, O God of grace.

You have called us to wear truth as a garment,

But we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask.

You have called us to struggle against evil in this world,

But instead we struggle for success, power, and shallow comfort.

You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

But we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.

Hear our prayer, O God of grace.

Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.

Wash us in your mercy, and free us to try again . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

HAL H. HOPSON

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord redeems the life of God's servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned. PSALM 34:22

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

✦ RESPONSE

HYMN 742 - Stanza 1, plus an additional Stanza

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing, till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing, till the kingdom has come.

We will walk with God, all people, we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, all people, we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing, till the kin-dom has come.

We will go rejoicing, till the kin-dom has come.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

PSALM 34:15-22

PAGE 515, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND SCRIPTURE

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

PAGE 187, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

DOES IT HAVE TO BE ARMOR?

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 737

LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

LES PETITES SOEURS

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM EPHESIANS 6:10-20

We believe we are called to be strong in the Lord
and in the strength of God's power.
Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh,
but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the cosmic powers of this present darkness.
Therefore we take up the whole armor of God.
We stand and fasten the belt of truth around our waists,
and put on the breastplate of righteousness.
As shoes for our feet,
we put on whatever will make us ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
With all of these, we take the shield of faith,
with which we will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of evil.
We pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.
We keep alert, we persevere, and we proclaim with boldness
the mystery of the gospel. 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.

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 *HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE - PSALM 84*

J. BRAHMS

CHANCEL CHOIR

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore.

✦AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUN

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.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN No. 838

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

PROMISES

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 737, STANZA 1

LES PETITES SOEURS

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go;
You alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *FINAL VARIATION ON WESTMINSTER ABBEY*

EMILY MAXSON PORTER

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgist today is Michelle Hwang.
Our lector today is Martin Lehfeldt.
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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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 Debbie Miller at debbietimmiller@gmail.com to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

WHY BOTHER

SIGNING THE FRIENDSHIP PAD?

Did you know that Central tracks weekly worship attendance using the Friendship Pads? Keeping a log of members' and visitors' attendance helps the pastors and deacons to care for the congregation.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

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

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Choir Guild

Frances Padgett

Deacons of the Day

Sara Helwig ▪ Martha Kimes

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Liz Burkhardt ▪ Becca Leland
Hugh & Shirley Landrum

Bell Ringer

Bliss Family

Counters

Max Gallman ▪ Doris Beachy
Sandy Hoke

JUST: A RETREAT

When:
Labor Day
Weekend:
September 1-3
Where: Montreat,
NC (near Asheville)

Central's 2018 All Church Retreat Committee is hard at work, and the theme for this year is "Just." The All Church Retreat is a time for Central members and "friends of Central" to come together for a time of play, worship, learning, and fellowship surrounded by the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. Central arranges housing for you lodge-style, and most meals are provided. We warmly invite EVERYONE to attend. Please email Larken McCord, larkenmccord@gmail.com, if you have questions.



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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, August 26

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. The Conversation Continues
12:15 p.m. Global Mission
12:30 p.m. Sunday School Training

Monday, August 27

2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, August 28

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, August 29

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

Thursday, August 30

No events scheduled.

Friday, August 31

No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 1

All-Church Retreat Begins
Montreat, North Carolina

Sunday, September 2

All Church Retreat continues
No Sunday School this morning
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Sarah Hooker preaching
Rand Chapel
No fellowship lunch today
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

Monday, September 3

All-Church Retreat concludes
Church Office closed for Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 9 | KICK-OFF SUNDAY

9:00-10:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbells
9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
4:50 p.m. Youth Kick-off



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE ARTS AT CENTRAL

Central's *Arts of the Spirit* series supports rotating art exhibits in Tull Hall Art Gallery; hosts workshops and seminars in various art forms including dance, drumming, Artist's Talks; Concerts with a Cause; and Congregational Song events, all of which occur outside the operating budget. Your donation to the *Arts of the Spirit* will enable these enhancements to our music and liturgical arts at Central to continue. Please consider making a donation today by going to the CPC website. Thank you for your support!