

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Reaching Out to a Man with Leprosy
Basilica of St. Francisco das Chagas
(Frances of Assisi)
Caninde, Brazil

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY ALLEGRETTO FROM SONATA IV FELIX MENDELSSOHN

(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

*Why do we come to worship God?
We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.
What is this blessing that we seek?
We seek an encounter with our God,
who washes us in mercy, calls us to service, and fills us with love.
Let us worship God together.*

LAUREN SCOTT

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:
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-2, 11-17
Mark 7:24-37

✦ HYMN NO. 432

HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD

REPTON

For the younger ones among us:

In baptism, we remember that God loves us and promises to love us forever, and we remember that the church loves us and promises to love us forever. Today YOU will make a promise to love Charlie and help teach him the stories of Jesus. Listen to the prayer Michelle says at the font. What does she say about water?

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

JULIANNA WHITSON

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You shower us with blessings: with chances to know your grace.
Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own.
You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion.
Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith.
You have told us that your love is enough: that the waters of mercy will not run dry.
Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we are independent.
Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
Offer us a chance to try again . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

PAGE 617, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND SCRIPTURE

JAMES 2:1-17

PAGE 219, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

JUDGY CHRISTIANS

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN

IF WE JUST TALK OF THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS *(See insert)*

O WALY WALY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHARLES FINLEY PARRISH

PRESENTATION

VOWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)

P. 35, HYMNAL

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

ACT OF BAPTIZING

BLESSING

HYMN No. 480

TAKE ME TO THE WATER (STANZAS 1-3)

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH

JEFFERY AMES

CHANCEL CHOIR AND AYISHA SHIELDS, SOLOIST

Sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Declare God's glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt God's name together.

Hallelujah, bless God's name for God's worthy to be praised.

Clap you hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph!
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised.
Praise God with the timbrel and praise God with the dance.
Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.

✦ 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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MICHELLE HWANG

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 . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.)

If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.

Grape juice is offered in the silver chalices, wine in the crystal.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION HYMN OF CREATION

DAN FORREST

CHANCEL CHOIR

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day,
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures with the Word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where're I turn my eye!

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne.

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,

And everywhere that we can be, thou God art present there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 719

COME, LABOR ON

ORA LABORA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 480, STANZA 4

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

Glory Hallelujah. Glory Hallelujah.

Glory Hallelujah to be baptized.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

RIGAUDON

ANDRÉ CAMPRA

John Calvin, the reformer most closely associated with the Presbyterian Church, believed that the only music appropriate for worship were the psalms, and also wanted each of the 150 psalms to have its own musical setting. The first of these were published in the Genevan Psalter of 1551, and included the hymn tune we now call OLD HUNDREDTH as the musical setting for Psalm 134, generally attributed to Louis Bourgeois. It earned its tune name because it was used in the English paraphrase of Psalm 100, first published in 1696. It is arguably the most universally known hymn tune, and has been published in thousands of hymnals. The text we sing on many Sundays is an adaptation of the text written by Anglican bishop Thomas Ken in the late 1600's.

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



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang, Lauren Scott, and Julianna Whitson.

Our lector today is Martin Lehfelddt.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism today as Lindsey and Matt Parrish bring their son Charlie, born September 13, 2017 to be baptized. Participating are Elder Eleanor Dake and Matyas Figueroa representing the children of the church.

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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THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

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

Greeters

Shirley Landrum ▪ Deanna Robbins

Sound Engineer

Kim McNair

Collectors of Friendship Pads

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

Bell Ringer

Ed Carwile

Deacons of the Day

Chantal Tusher ▪ Debbie Miller

Choir Guild

Doris Beachy

ATTRIBUTION FROM 8/26/18

In the August 26 bulletin we incorrectly attributed the term "kin-dom" to a series of articles in *Christian Century*. The term was first used by Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, a professor of theology and ethics at Drew. Her essay "Kin-dom of God: A Mujerista Proposal" (171-190 in Benjamin Valentin, ed., *In Our Own Voices: Latino/a Renditions of Theology* [New York: Orbis, 2010]) is responsible for popularizing it.

WELCOME VISITORS

Central is a community in which you can learn and teach, care and be cared for, love and be loved. You have a place here among this community of faith. All visitors and newer members are invited to the **Believing and Belonging** class to explore what Presbyterians believe, how those beliefs inform our life at Central, and what it means to *belong* in today's world of competing interests. The next class is **September 23** and **September 30** at 9:45 in the Parlor. For more information, contact Anna at atraynham@cpcatlanta.org.

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. Please take the time to sign the friendship pad each week!

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, September 9

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
12:30 p.m. Council of Ministries
4:50 p.m. Youth Fellowship Kick-off
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Monday, September 10

2:00 p.m. All Staff meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff meeting

Tuesday, September 11

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

6:30 p.m. Invitation Committee

Friday, September 14

No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 15

No events scheduled.

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Michelle Hwang preaching
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

