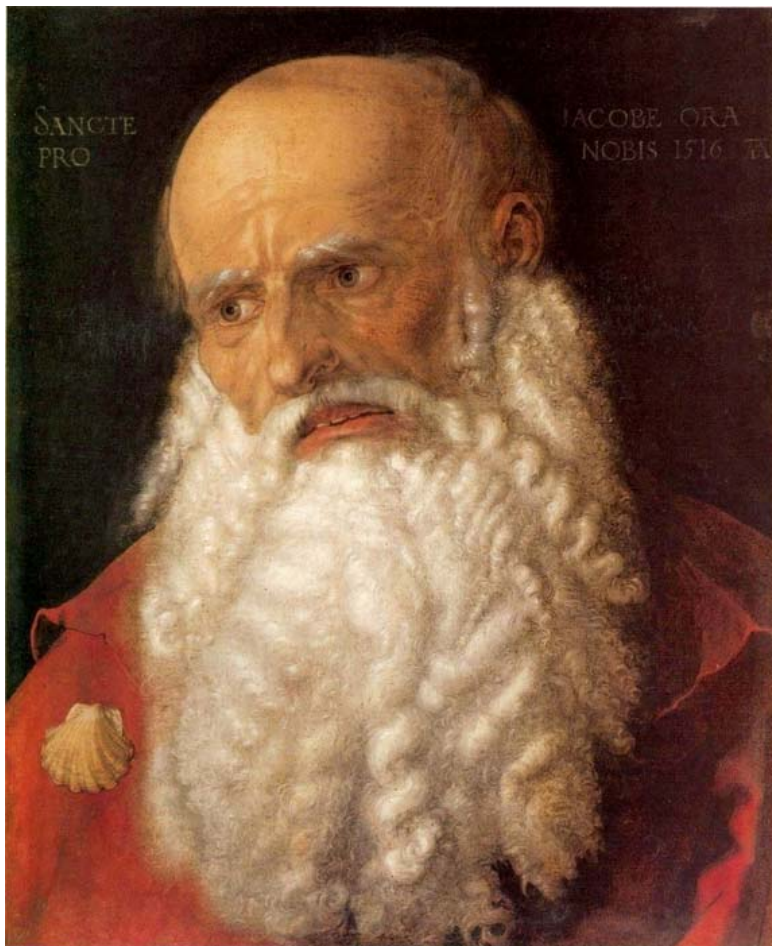


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



James the Apostle
Albrecht Dürer, 1471-1528

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES*
(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

JAMES BIERY

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

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

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ OPENING SENTENCES

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
**But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.***

*They are like trees planted by streams of water which would yield their fruit in its season
and their leaves do not wither.*

In all that they do they prosper.

PSALM 1:1-3

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

Lectionary Texts for today:
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13- 4:4, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

✠ HYMN

HOW HAPPY ARE THE SAINTS OF GOD

TRURO

(See insert)

For the younger ones among us:

Have you ever had an argument with a friend about who is better at doing something? Maybe you've argued about who is better at a sport, the best speller, or anything else that you were doing at the moment. Jesus is telling his disciples and us that God is not worried about who is the best at anything. Instead God is interested to see if we care for and pay attention to those who are ignored, unpopular, or don't have some of the things we may have. Can you think of someone in your school who could use some attention from you?



✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

COMPANION TO FEASTING ON THE WORD

O God, who makes known to us all truth, we confess that we are weighed down by our failings;
Envy distances us from other people; greed alerts us only to our own desires.
Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts.
Where you call us to give, we take.
Where your presence beckons, we resist.
Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us, and teach us your way . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

AVON GILLESPIE

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

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

✦ RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 327, STANZA 3

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Eternal are thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends thy word; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MARK 9:30-37

PAGE 42, NT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER

PSALM 1

ROCKINGHAM

(Found on page 11 in the blue Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew)

SECOND READING

JAMES 3:13-4:4, 7-8A

PAGE 220, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

MARTHA MOORE-KEISH

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 771

WHAT IS THE WORLD LIKE

NEW WORLD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

DAVE FRY

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us in the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men and all people to the ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

KEMIE NIX

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

BLESSED IS THE ONE
CHANCEL CHOIR

JANE MARSHALL

Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of scoffers, but takes delight in the law of the Lord,
And on this law meditates day and night. This one is like a tree planted by streams of water.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION GOD OF BLESSING AND ABUNDANCE

HYMN TO JOY

God of blessing and abundance, source of every gift we know,
Let us taste and see the goodness, where your milk and honey flow.
With thanksgiving we remember how you brought us to this place,
Nourish us with daily manna, strengthen us to share your grace.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 757 TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES, STANZAS 1-3

KINGSFOLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 757, STANZA 4

KINGSFOLD

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

MARCH

G. F. HANDEL, ARR. HAL HOPSON

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.



Hanging over the Chancel is the Stewardship art installation, designed by Ellen Phillips, and created by many, many hands to represent the Stewardship theme, *Abundant Joy, Fearless Generosity*. We thank all who spent creating the components of this project. Out of our abundant joy, God calls us to be fearlessly generous. Out of generosity, God deepens our joy!

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 Dave Fry and Anna George Traynham.

Our lector today is Vanessa Hunter.

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Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus

MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS

OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sarah Paulsen

Erin Burt

Julia Watkins

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.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain

Mary Sidney Harbert ▪ Sherry Wright

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Sandy Hoke

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!

STEWARDSHIP DINNERS



Sunday, September 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

at the home of

Betsy Smalley and Steve Young

Thursday, September 27, 6:30-8:30 pm

at the home of Melanie and Jason Bliss

Sunday, September 30, 6:30-8:30 pm

at the home of Mary & Tony Amos

RSVP to Vicki Collier at

danvickicollier@comcast.net

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, September 23

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Dinner

Monday, September 24

2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 25

1:00 p.m. Long-Range Worship Planning

7:00 p.m. Bookworms

Wednesday, September 26

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 27

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Dinner

7:00 p.m. GFADP Dinner

Friday, September 28

No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 29

10:00 a.m. Beginning Handbell Workshop

Sunday, September 30

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

Paul Roberts preaching

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