

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 7, 2018 | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Unity
Paul Stoub

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY PRAISE THE LORD WITH DRUMS AND CYMBALS SIGFRID KARG-ELERT
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR ARR. ANDREA HANDLEY

(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

LAURA CHEIFETZ

*God is the reason we are here.
God has given us life; God has given us this day; God waits for us to come here.
Though we lack words that are honest enough, or hearts that are pure enough, or souls that are hungry enough,
God bends divine ears close to our lips, attends to our prayers and sings with our music.
We dare believe that when we come here in this holy presence, God smiles!
Believing, we open our hearts in adoration.*

✦ HYMN No. 401

HERE IN THIS PLACE

GATHER US IN

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:
Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

For the younger ones among us:

Do you have a best friend? If you could only see your friend every once in a while, that would be sad, wouldn't it? The cool thing about your friend is having time together, hanging out together, just being friends together. The best thing this church has is great people to become your friends. Some people here may be waaaay older than you. Some may be bigger or smaller than you. Those people may turn out to be really neat friends. Whenever you can, spend time with them, hang with them, be friends with them. Friends who love Jesus are the best friends of all. Besides, maybe the best thing this church gives them is you as their friend.

Every year on World Communion Sunday Camille Gaffron faithfully brings fabrics from all over the world to top our communion table. This year, on top of the fabrics you will see a large door on which many of us wrote laments and prayers for the world at the All Church Retreat and during worship last Sunday.

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It would be easier on us, O Lord, if you only heard the words of our mouths as we sing of "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." But you hear the true prayers of our lives. You know that our very hearts are divided, as we divide others into friends and enemies, allies and opponents, us and them. We strive to follow you *and* to protect our individualism; we seek true fellowship while we pursue personal rights and privileges; we prefer our privacy over your Spirit found in another's presence. Forgive us, O God. Open our minds and hearts to you and to each other. Here in worship are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place. May we join hands here, joined as family in one great kinship.

Fill us with your love and grace, so that we might pray with single purity, "All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth!" . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE

SINGAPURA

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE

MARK 10:2-10

PAGE 43, NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND SCRIPTURE

PSALM 26

PAGE 508 OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

DAVID FRY

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN NO. 770

I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE

WELCOME TABLE

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

MARCIA AND ROBERT CATTERALL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

SAKURA
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

RENTAROU TAKI, ARR. KAZUKO OKAMOTO

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.

✦ 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.

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 . . .

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 *TRUE LIGHT*

KEITH HAMPTON

CHANCEL CHOIR AND AMBER TITTLE, SOLOIST

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Almighty God is light, God lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind.

But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy.

Everywhere I go, I want the world to know, God gave the world True Light.

Hold on to the True Light. God's love, God's grace. God gave the world True Light.



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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 317

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

McKEE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *HYMN No. 765*

ARGENTINA

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to ever land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST*

CHARLES CALLAHAN

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 Anna George Traynham and Laura Cheifetz.

Our lector today is Robert Catterall.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jinnie McCord by her family.

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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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 Debbie Miller at debbietimmiller@gmail.com to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Beth Grashof, captain
Brian Bishop ▪ Lee Ebeling
Em McNair ▪ Ben Evans
Keith Pascoe ▪ Jeff Figueroa
Trudy Loper

Greeters

Ann Bryan ▪ John Bryan
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Sound Engineer

Dean Hammond

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Bell Ringer

Tom Banyai

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Bliss Family
Melanie, Jason, Ally, and Tyler
Trudy Loper and Carys Barr

Deacons of the Day

Matt Baum ▪ Bob Berrett

Choir Guild

Kathy Kohn

**It's time to order
Christmas Greens to
support our Youth Ministry
Visit the table in Tull Hall
after worship or order online!**



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!



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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, October 7

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:30 p.m. Council of Ministries
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service
Jinnie McCord
Sanctuary
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, October 8

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

Tuesday, October 9

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, October 10

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

Thursday, October 11

2:45 p.m. Staff Retreat

Friday, October 12

No events scheduled.

Saturday, October 13

No events scheduled.

Sunday, October 14

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
David Fry preaching
12:00 p.m. PRIDE Parade
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
6:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner



PRIDE PARADE

Join fellow Centralites
Sunday, October 14,
immediately after
church for the annual
Pride Parade.

Everyone is welcome
to march with

Central! Contact Susan Landrum or any pastor from more information. Sign-up this Sunday in Tull Hall during lunch.