

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 28, 2018 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE ON HOLY MANNA
YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. CATHY MARKER

(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.*

CENTRAL NIGHT SHELTER COMMISSIONING

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

THIS IS THE DAY

MARK BURROWS

NAZARETH CHOIR; RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is a day for worship, this is a day for song,
a day to praise our gracious Lord, who loves us all life long.

This is a day for sharing, this is a day for prayer,
a day to talk with one who listens, the one who's always there.

✠ OPENING SENTENCES

MICHELLE HWANG

As the morning light streams into this room, we remember that we are light-seeking vessels.

We grow weary of stumbling in the dark; we want to walk in the light.

Here we gather before God, who said, "Let there be light!"

*Before Christ, who is the light of the world, we intend to wrestle in broad daylight
with the things that keep us awake at night.*

**We ask of our pastors, not brilliance, but bravery;
we expect of ourselves, not certainty, but courage.**

*We ask of God, the presence of the holy, life-giving Spirit
to touch our lives and shape our living.*

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

✠ HYMN No. 772

LIVE INTO HOPE

TRURO

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 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

For the younger ones among us:

On Mothers' Day or perhaps her birthday, we sometimes serve Mom breakfast in bed. We're not the greatest cooks, but breakfast in bed is a way of showing her that she is special and that we love her so much that we'll do something that we may be new at, something outside our comfort zone. During worship today we're doing a similar thing during our offering. (No, we're not fixing God breakfast in bed!) Instead of the offering plates being passed among us, we're taking our offering up front. Just to show that God is special to us and that we love Jesus so much that we'll get out of our comfortable seats to show that love. Even if your family has already given an offering this month, ask a parent to give you a dollar so that you can participate in the offering today. This is something you don't want to miss.

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, when we talk about faith but dare not live the risk of it, forgive us. When we talk about love, but do not put it into action, when we are afraid to turn the other cheek or walk the extra mile, forgive us. Sometimes we are all talk, empty words, like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. Make us like Christ, your living word made flesh. Give us the courage of our convictions, so that what we do may be the evidence of what we say . . .

(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

ANTHEM

Hi-Ho, How Do I Know?

NATALIE SLEETH

BETHLEHEM CHOIR, VICKI FEY, DIRECTOR

Hi-ho, how do I know? Because the Bible tells me so!

Hi-ho, how do I know? The Bible tells me so!

It tells of God who made us and loves us one and all,
for God created people and creatures great and small!

It tells of men and women who followed God's command,
and worked to spread the Good News to every distant land!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 34:1-5

PAGE 514, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

BEYOND ALL WE COULD IMAGINE

PEPPER CHOPLIN

JERUSALEM CHOIR AND NAZARETH CHOIR

We bow to our God, and pray for power that we may be strengthened through the Spirit in us,
Through the power in God's love as Christ lives in us. May we be filled with all the fullness of God.

Beyond all we could imagine, beyond all we could dream,

Our God can do great wonders through the power working in us.

To God be glory in the church, to God be glory in Christ throughout all generations and beyond.

May the Spirit fill us, may Christ dwell in us as we are grounded in God's abundant love.

This love surpasses all human knowledge as we are filled with all the fullness of God.

To God be the glory. Great things God has done!

SECOND READING

MARK 10:46-52

PAGE 44, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

DAVID FRY

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN

FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO (See insert)

DIX

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MELANIE AND JASON BLISS AND THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

COME, THOU FOUNT

ARR. ERIC NELSON

CHANCEL CHOIR

(See text at Hymn No. 475)

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION GOD OF EVER-BLAZING GLORY, STANZA 3

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.

✦ LITANY OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,
bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.
These pledges represent our work, our lives, and our dreams,
and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.

May they be the first fruits of all we have,
and not what we have left over.

May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,
and not a gift of obligation or exchange.

May we use them wisely for your service,
to reflect your love to this city and this world.

May they move us to be more faithful disciples,
and energize us for lives of fearless generosity.

We dedicate these pledges to the work of God
at Central Presbyterian Church in 2019.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN

GOD OF EVER-BLAZING GLORY, STANZAS 1, 2, AND 4

HYMN TO JOY

(See insert)

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 700, STANZA 1

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

CHARLES W. ORE

On this Dedication Sunday we will receive the offering in three baskets in the front of the church. Please come forward, exiting your pew to the left side and returning from the right side. Many members have already pledged online, but if you have not, you will find pledge cards in the red Friendship pad at one end of your pew. You may fill out a card and bring it forward and place it in the basket with the offerings.



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.

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 and Anna George Traynham.

Our lector today is Kathy McCloud.

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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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 **November 11 and November 18** 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
Kimble McNair ▪ Deanna Robbins
Em McNair ▪ Wills Moore

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Choir Guild

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Deacons of the Day

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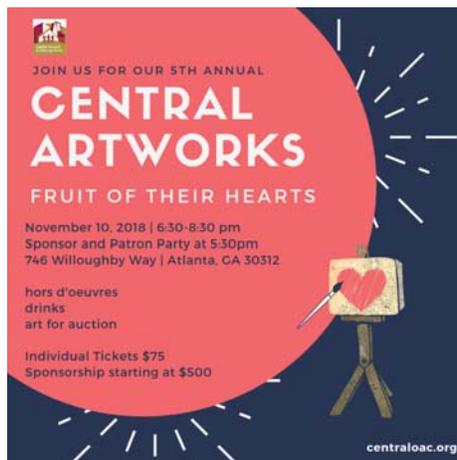
Bell Ringer

Tusher Family

Counters

Max Gallman ▪ Doris Beachy
Sandy Hoke

It's time to order
Christmas Greens to
support our Youth Ministry
Visit the table in Tull Hall
after worship, order on
our website or
use the QR code!



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THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, October 28

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
5:00 p.m. White Fragility Book Study
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, October 29

2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 30

7:00 p.m. Dismantling Task Force

Wednesday, October 31

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

Thursday, November 1

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Friday, November 2

No events scheduled.

Saturday, November 3

10:00 a.m. Voting Rights Event

Sunday, November 4—All Saints Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends

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
Anna George Traynham
preaching
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You are Invited: Moral Revival for Voting Rights at Central, November 3!

10:00am-12:00pm, Central Sanctuary
Speakers: Rev. William Barber (Repairers of the Breach), Rev. Raphael Warnock (Ebenezer Baptist Church), and Rev. Jennifer Butler (Faith in Public Life)

In this tense election season, we will take time on a Saturday morning for a joyful and motivating inter-faith worship service, with a powerful message from our speakers about the call to protect voting rights for all people. Join us, or contact Anna to volunteer!