

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Archangel Michael and the Devil
Coventry Cathedral
Sir Jacob Epstein

St. Michael's Cathedral in Coventry, England was built in the 14th century, and totally demolished by bombing in the Second World War. This sculpture was created for the new cathedral immediately adjoining the ruins of the old.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BRENT IVEY, GUEST ORGANIST

(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

SANDRA McDONALD

*Someday, there will be no grief left, no pain, no loss, no loneliness or exploitation.
No division between races, between religions, between classes or nations.
No hatred, no revenge, no cruelty.
The tomb of the world will burst open and there will be new life, new singing, and joyful dancing.
The universe will ring with cries of joy instead of anguish.
Instead of hunger, there will be feasting.
This morning, this hour, we will rehearse that glorious time.
We will affirm our hope and our faith that God will bring about the promise.
Let us worship God.*

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 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

For the younger ones among us:

Our opening hymn this morning started out as a Bible verse. In the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 33:27 says, "The Eternal God is your shelter; He holds you up in his everlasting arms." (*The Voice Translation.*)

Can you think of someone who makes you feel safe when they hold you in their arms? Sometimes a crying baby will hush and go to sleep just because someone picked them up and held them. Even strong grown-ups appreciate leaning on someone who puts an arm around their shoulder. How many times is the word "leaning" in this hymn? How many times is "what a" found? What about "I have." Enjoy singing this hymn at the beginning of worship today. Then enjoy remembering the times you've been held and felt safe. Say "thank you" to God for those people and those times.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us for every occasion when we have had those who oppose us under our power and have taken advantage. Forgive us for every occasion in which we have substituted venom for kindness, competition for harmony, individual victory for combined effort. Forgive us every sneer, even when we didn't speak a word. Forgive us every unkind word, even when it was whispered privately. Forgive us every judgement, every self-righteous opinion, even when the other side was so clearly wrong.

You have never stopped loving us: never stopped generously giving us all we need. In this way, make us more like you. Forgive us and re-create us in your image, until we are all one body, one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

PARDINI

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us;
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us;

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 792, REFRAIN

BALM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ROMANS 8: 31-39

PAGE 557, NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MARK 13:1-8

PAGE 44, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

THE WAY OF THE WOUND

DAVID FRY

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 803

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

RESIGNATION

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER FOR PEACE FROM THE CHIPPEWA NATION

We pray that someday an arrow will be broken, not in something or someone, but by each of humankind, to indicate peace, not violence.

Someday, oneness with creation, rather than domination over creation, will be the goal to be respected.

Someday fearlessness to love and make a difference will be experienced by all people.

Then the eagle will carry our prayer for peace and love, and the people of the red, white, yellow, brown, and black communities can sit in the same circle together to communicate in love and experience the presence of the Great Mystery in their midst. Someday can be today for you and me. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

MY GOD IS A ROCK

ARR. SHAW/PARKER

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH ELEFThERIOS CHASANIDIS AND JANET ABERCROMBIE, SOLOISTS

My God is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land.

My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.

I know he is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.

Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout the . . .

Chapter One, when the Lord God's work was jes' begun.

Chapter Two, when the Lord God's written his Bible through.

Chapter Three, when the Lord God died on Calvary!

Chapter Four, when the Lord God visit 'mong the poor.

Chapter Five, when the Lord God brought the dead alive.

Chapter Six, He went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.

Chapter Seven, died and ris'n and went to Heav'n.

Chapter Eight, John seen him standin' at the Golden Gate.

Chapter Nine, Lord God turned the water to wine.

Chapter Ten, John says he's comin' in the world again.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN NO. 643, STANZA 1

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 816

IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 643, STANZA 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given,
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was and is, and shall be evermore.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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 Sandra McDonald.

Our lector today is David Enniss.

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

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

February 24 and **March 3** at 9:45 in the Parlor. For more information, contact Anna at

atraynham@cpcatlanta.org.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Becky Battle, captain

Karen Gravel ▪ Philip Covin

Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake

Jean Ellen Jones ▪ Kevin Byers

Greeters

Nancy Wilkes

Kathy Kohn ▪ Norm Kohn

Deacons of the Day

Chantal Tusher ▪ Kristeen Sorrells

Sound Engineer

Jeff Spruell

Counters

Craig Knight ▪ John Heidbreder

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Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:

Ginger & Russell

The Lewis Amos Family:

Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth

Bell Ringer

Lynne Rea

Choir Guild

Beth Gustafson

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, November 18

No lunch will be served today.

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

Monday, November 19

2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 20

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, November 21

No events scheduled.

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving

Church Offices closed

Friday, November 23

Church Offices closed

Saturday, November 24

No events scheduled.

Sunday, November 25

No Children's Choirs or Youth Handbells

9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day

Anna George Traynham

preaching

No lunch will be served today.

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship



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CHRISTMAS GREENERY PICK-UP

If you have ordered Christmas greenery please pick it up between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. next Saturday, December 1, in the alley. We will load into your car.

'Tis the Season

Each year, Central offers you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one during Advent through a gift to the Sanctuary Flower Fund. Your gift will continue to bring joy and beauty by supporting the general flower fund throughout the New Year.

You may complete a form on the CPC website (Go to the home page; follow the link to *Seasonal Giving*) or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or in Sandra McDonald's mail folder in the church office by Monday, December 17, along with a check payable to "Central Presbyterian Church" and designated for "Sanctuary Flower Fund." Names of donors and those being remembered or honored will be published in the worship bulletin on December 24.

Central's Sanctuary Flower Fund Donor's name: _____

This Gift is made in honor of: _____

or in memory of: _____

Amount of donation: _____

