

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Baptism of Christ*  
Andrea del Verrocchio, 1435-1488 and  
Leonardo da Vinci, 1452-1519  
Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING* ARR. EDWIN T. CHILDS

*(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

*Let us pray together,  
for God is a listening God.*

*Let us sing together,  
for God is a joyful God.*

*Let us give thanks together,  
for God is a generous God.*

*Let us worship together,  
for God is a loving God.*

✦ HYMN No. 475

*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

NETTLETON

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:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## For the younger ones among us:

Suppose you were going to become a super-hero and you could choose your super power. You only get one power, and it must be a power that God has. You and God would share the same ability. What would you choose? The Psalm we read this morning describes God as like a thunderstorm - as bright as a flash of lightning, as loud as a clap of thunder, as big as a mountain range, strong enough to smash oak trees into splinters. Would any of those be your choice? The other Bible passage for this morning describes God as like a parent. A good parent is filled with love, always there when needed, and is delighted with their child. Those may be even better choices. The second list may not be as scary as the first, but they're the ones God likes.

### ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

### ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

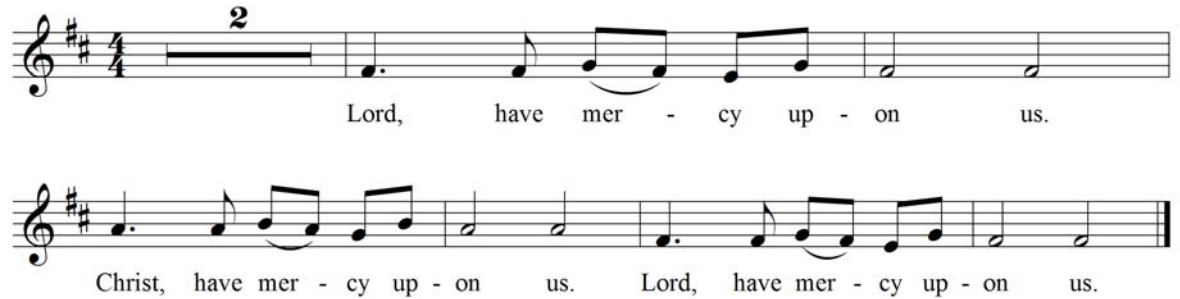
We fail to live the lives God wants. We are ungrateful to God and to other people. We are self-confident when things go well, frightened and despairing when things go wrong. We forget the goodness of God and the needs of other people. We are short on love.

Make us like contented children, secure in their parents' love, full of expectant hope, compassionate towards other people, and trusting that you will never fail us . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### ✦ KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

### ✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ✦ PASSING THE PEACE

### ✦ RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 491, STANZA 2

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

*(Please sing three times.)*

We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

PSALM 29

PAGE 510, OT, PEW BIBLE

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

LUKE 3:21-22

PAGE 57 NT, PEW BIBLE

#### SERMON

BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD

DAVID FRY

### SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

### ✦ HYMN NO. 293

LOVING SPIRIT

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### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY** *TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY* JOHN GARDNER  
CHANCEL CHOIR AND STEVE VINCENT, PERCUSSION

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to human nature,  
To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,  
To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance; my Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love; this have I done for my true love.

✦ **AT THE PRESENTATION** *DOXOLOGY* OLD HUNDREDETH

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.

✦ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN** No. 480 *TAKE ME TO THE WATER, STANZAS 1-3* TAKE ME TO THE WATER

✦ **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** *JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN* ARR. GILBERT M. MARTIN

### 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.

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.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our liturgist today** is Lucy Strong.

**Our lector** today is Melanie Bliss.

**Audio recordings** of sermons may be found at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://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 **February 24** and **March 3** at 9:45 in the Parlor.

For more information, contact Anna at [atraynham@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:atraynham@cpcatlanta.org).

Join Presbyterians for a Better Georgia in partnership with Central Outreach & Advocacy Center for two important advocacy events! Advocacy Training will take place Tuesday, January 29th at 6pm at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. Day at the Capitol will begin at Central Presbyterian Church and end at the Georgia State Capitol. Register online at [www.p4bg.com/events](http://www.p4bg.com/events).

**REGISTER NOW FOR WOMENS' RETREAT**  
**FEBRUARY 8-10 - CALVIN CENTER**

## 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

Tricia Berrett

### Deacons of the Day

Karen Beaty ▪ Susan Landrum

### Choir Guild

Beth Gustafson



## CONCERT WITH A CAUSE:

### TOMORROW NIGHT

Westminster Choir College

Concert Bell Choir

Monday, January 14, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir is comprised of undergraduate and graduate students of Westminster Choir College, and is conducted by Kathleen Ebling Shaw.

**Westminster Choir College** was the first institution in the world to develop a handbell curriculum, which is now in its 40th year. They ring on the largest set of English handbells in the country. A Love Offering will be taken to support the Central Night Shelter and Foot Clinic in loving memory of Katie Bashor and Ike Lee.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, January 13

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
4:00 p.m. Global Mission Meeting  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. New Members Serve Dinner at the Night Shelter

### Monday, January 14

2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Westminster Concert Bell Choir  
*Concert with a Cause*

### Tuesday, January 15

No events scheduled.

### Wednesday, January 16

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

### Thursday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Central Women  
*Amy Covin home*

### Friday, January 18

Youth Trip departs for the Low Country

### Saturday, January 19

Youth Trip continues

### Sunday, January 20

Youth Trip continues  
9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages  
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day  
Anna George Traynham preaching  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MARCH & RALLY

Again this year, Centralites will march as a group in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative March and Rally on Monday, January 21. March begins at 1:45 p.m. We'll meet at 1:30 p.m. in front of the MARTA station at the corner of Peachtree St & Ellis St. We'll watch the march together from there and join in on the end to march to the King Center. Watch for more details in next week's newsletter.



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