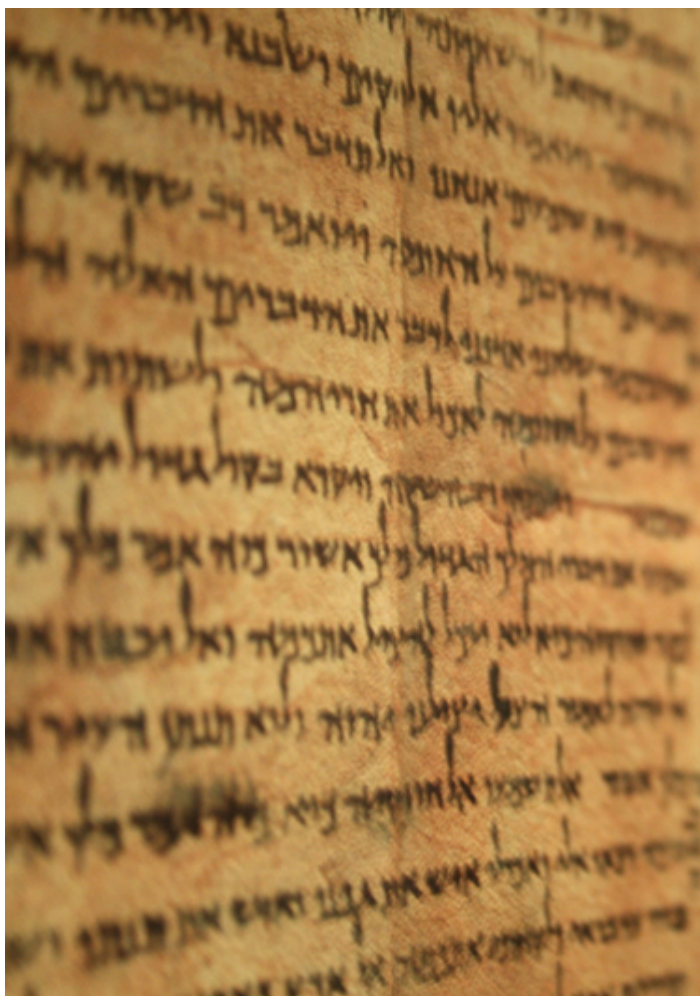


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 27, 2019

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Scroll of Isaiah
Found in Qumran

In 1947 an Arab shepherd boy was looking for a lost goat in caves in the Judean desert on the west side of the Dead Sea when he chanced upon some of the first Dead Sea Scrolls (often called the Qumran scrolls). He was throwing rocks into the caves to see if the goat was there, and instead he heard the breaking of pottery. He found the broken pots containing manuscripts. The discovery of several other ancient manuscripts from Qumran shook the scholarly world: among them was the Isaiah Scroll. Scholars realized immediately that these scrolls were older than any Old Testament manuscripts to date. At least eleven caves in the vicinity of Qumran held manuscripts of all the biblical books except Esther and Nehemiah. The dates of these manuscripts range from about 250 BC to AD 50.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GRAZIOSO

ARNOLD SHERMAN

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

(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

ADAPTED FROM BEFORE THE AMEN, TIRABASSI & TIRABASSI

In caring and compassion, God's arms hold us when we are weak.

With ideas and inspiration, God pushes us to grow and thrive.

God calls us as partners to build a world of joy and hope.

Let us join our hearts, hands, and voices with people the world over in song, prayers, and commitment to our wondrous God.

✦ HYMN No. 755

ALLELUIA! LAUD AND BLESSING

WEISSE FLAGGEN

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:
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

For the younger ones among us:

When Jesus gave the sermon in his home town, this was the part of the Bible he chose to read: "God has chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" If this year, 2019, were God's year to act, what do you suppose God would do? Do you know anybody in prison? What do you suppose God would do for them? Do you know anyone who is blind? What about if this were God's year to act for them? Anybody who is burdened and battered? How would "This is God's year to act!" be good news for them? Suppose 2019 is God's year to act, but God has decided to act through things you do. What would God hope you might do?

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

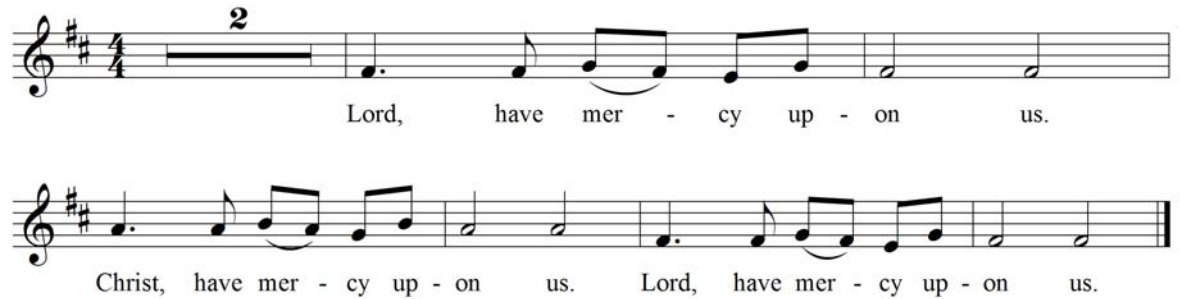
✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, sometimes bad things happen to good people and we don't like it. Sometimes good things happen to bad people, and we don't like that either. The corrupt don't pay for their corruption; widows and orphans do, citizens and taxpayers do. Virtue has few visible rewards, and we are tempted to conclude that dishonesty and passivity pay better. Dear God, save us, lest we buy the lie. Save us, lest we endanger our hearts and imperil our souls. We pray in the name of Jesus . . .

(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. 583

TAIZÉ

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

I JOHN 3:18-24

PAGE 230, NT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER

PSALM 19

ELLACOMBE

(Found on page 29 in the blue Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew)

SECOND SCRIPTURE

LUKE 4:14-21

PAGE 57 NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

IN SEARCH OF A GOOD DAY

DAVID FRY

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN NO. 761

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

BEECHER

✦ 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.

ANTHEM

HOW LOVELY ARE THE MESSENGERS
CHANCEL CHOIR

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

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 THE MORNING TRUMPET
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

DEREK K. HAKES

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

RECOGNITION OF SANDRA McDONALD

✦ HYMN No. 700 I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

I'M GONNA LIVE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 700, STANZA 1

I'M GONNA LIVE

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ALLEGRO MAESTOSO E VIVACE (SONATA II)

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

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 Anna George Traynham. **Our lector** today is Gary Cornell. **Audio recordings** of sermons may be found at www.cpcatlanta.org. You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church." **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net AA-710014.

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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

Jeff Spruell, captain
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Hugh & Shirley Landrum

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CENTRAL WOMENS' RETREAT February 8-10 - Calvin Center

The theme for this year's retreat is *Women in the New Testament World*, and will be led by Dr. Susan Hysten of Candler School of Theology. We often imagine ancient women's lives as constrained by norms of female virtue and the power of their husbands or fathers. But women in the Roman period were also expected to serve their communities as civic and religious leaders. In our time together, Susan will offer a way to understand the conflicting evidence for women's lives in the world that shaped the New Testament. In addition to these sessions, there will be plenty of time to play, eat, and simply be with each other.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, January 27

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
2:00 p.m. Sarah Paulsen Perkins
Ordination
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 28

2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 30

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

Thursday, January 31

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering

Friday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat begins

Saturday, February 2

No events scheduled.

Sunday, February 3

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. Children's Sabbath
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

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.



Love
is in the air February 16
Elegant dinner with musical entertainment

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