

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adam and Eve
Marc Chagall

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS*

CHARLES ORE

(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

*God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
We, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.*

✦ HYMN No. 24

GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

HOLY MANNA

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.

For the younger ones among us:

When everything was created, fresh and new, God thought it was pretty good. There was only one part that was disappointing. "It isn't good that the human I created is alone. I'm going to make another human so they can be together." And that's what God did. When Adam woke up and saw Eve for the first time, he thought that she was God's best idea ever! God giving you other people is God's best idea for you as well. Make a list of people who love you and enjoy being your friends and your family. And, yes, it's okay to include your pet on the list.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you delight in creation. You did not create the earth for sorrow nor humanity for sadness. You made us for joy! Forgive, O Lord, our dark and dour hearts. We confess the many times our pessimism has caused others to doubt themselves and your Spirit, the times that our criticism has wounded others, the times we have dampened the enthusiasm of those eager to do your work. Forgive us, O God, and in your mercy renew us, that we might celebrate each other and remember our joy in you . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 137, STANZA 1
CHAD WRIGHT-SPITTMAN, DJEMBE
(Please sing twice.)

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah, forevermore.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE GENESIS 1:26-30 PAGE 1, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND SCRIPTURE GENESIS 2:4B-9; 18-25 PAGE 2 OT, PEW BIBLE

THIRD SCRIPTURE GENESIS 3:1-7 PAGE 3, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON THE FIRST LOVE STORY DAVID FRY

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 790 IN SILENCE MY SOUL THIRSTS MY SOUL THIRSTS
(Choir will sing Stanza 1. Please join for Stanzas 2 and 3)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13

This we affirm about ourselves and about the highest value of life:

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

In life, we have three things to do: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love. 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

THY PERFECT LOVE

JOHN RUTTER

CHANCEL CHOIR

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast.
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all things best,
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

✦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!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN No. 316

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

TWENTY-FOURTH

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

THE PEACE OF THE EARTH

GUATEMALA

CHANCEL CHOIR

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

POSTLUDE ON HOLY MANNA

EDWIN T. CHILDS

Genesis 3: 2-3 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³)but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'"

Genesis 2: 16-17 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷)but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

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.

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgist today is Anna George Traynham.
Our lector today is Ella Lefkowicz.
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
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Greeters

Nancy Wilkes
Kathy Kohn ▪ Norm Kohn

Deacons of the Day

Bob Berrett ▪ Beth Vogel

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Jeff Spruell

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The Heidbreder Family
The Lewis Amos Family

Bell Ringer

Carolyn Thorsen

Choir Guild

Kathy McCloud

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the request of the Pastor Nomination Committee and the Session, there will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 24 immediately after worship.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, February 17

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Pollard-Covenant Grant Meeting
12:15 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, February 18

Church Offices Closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 19

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

Wednesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 21

7:00 p.m. Central Women
Lehfeldt home

Friday, February 22

No events scheduled.

Saturday, February 23

No events scheduled

Sunday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes for all
9:45 a.m. Believing and Belonging class
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
David Fry preaching
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship



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