

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Harvesting
Jörg Breu, 1480-1537

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *AFFETTUOSO* FROM SONATA IN F MAJOR GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN
ADELAIDE FEDERICI, VIOLIN; PAMELA HOLLOWAY, OBOE; VICKI FEY, ORGAN
(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*God's gifts are as many as the stars,
God's grace as endless as the evening sky.
Let us worship the Christ who binds us together,
The One in whom we place our trust.*

✦ HYMN NO. 393

O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

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:

Do you like stories? Jesus did! Jesus told stories so that God's truth would go deep into the hearts of those listening. These stories Jesus told are called Parables. This is a way to remember the good things Jesus wanted to teach us. What stories help you remember good things?

We thank Berta Irwin for the design and creation of our Lenten banners, both here in the sanctuary and in the vestibule. She was ably assisted by Jan deLong and Vicki Norman.

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
Yours is a story of grace and mercy.
Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth.
Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing.
Yours is a love that overflows.
Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call.
Convict us of our failings.
Enlighten us to your truth.
Enliven us for your service.
Empower us through your forgiveness.
Shower us with your grace . . .

(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. 440, STANZA 4

ABERYSTWYTH

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sins,
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 9:1-5

PAGE 651, OT, PEW BIBLE

ANTHEM

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

MICHAEL BEDFORD

(Adapted from Psalm 27)

NAZARETH CHOIR AND MARIA BAEZ, FLUTE; RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR; RICK WORNAT, ACCOMPANIST

The Lord is my light, and my salvation, whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?

For in times of trouble you hide me in your dwelling;

You shelter me and comfort me, and set me high on a rock.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry to you, give ear to me and answer;

O hide not your face from me, your face, O Lord, do I seek.

SECOND SCRIPTURE

MARK 4:12-25

PAGE 36, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

A PARABLE UNIVERSE

ANNA CARTER FLORENCE

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 171

A SOWER CAME FROM ANCIENT HILLS

SEACHRIST

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 *HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?*

ARR. TAYLOR DAVIS

CHANCEL CHOIR; ADELAIDE FEDERICI, VIOLIN; PAMELA HOLLOWAY, OBOE

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
 I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
 Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
 It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?
 While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
 And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
 Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
 When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing,
 When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
 In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
 When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

Throughout Lent you will hear singing bells during the Prayers of the People. According to Tibetan oral tradition, the use of singing bowls dates back to the time of the historical Buddha, 560 - 480 B.C. Playing the bells usually causes an immediate centering effect. Auditory scientists suggest that the tones set up a response creating a balancing left/right brain synchronization. For some, meditating on the subtle sounds tunes one in to the universal sound within and without.

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 *ALL THANKS AND PRAISE WE OFFER*

AURELIA

The gates of dusk and morning stand wide to praise your name;
 They raise a shout of gladness and we should do the same.
 All thanks and praise we offer; to you all gifts belong.
 We join your whole creation in grateful, glorious song.

TEXT: DAVID GAMBRELL

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.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 543

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

GREEN TYLER

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

IRISH BLESSING

BOB CHILCOTT

CHANCEL CHOIR

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again, may God hold you ever in the palm of God's hand.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgist today is Anna George Traynham.
Our lector today is Wills Moore.
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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Lauren Scott and Julianna Whitson	Youth Coordinators

MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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 **April 7** 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 ▪ Kathy Taylor

Greeters

Nancy Wilkes
Kathy Kohn ▪ Norm Kohn

Deacons of the Day

Martha Kimes ▪ Ed Carwile

Counters

Craig Knight ▪ John Heidbreder
Chris Sciarrone

Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family
The Lewis Amos Family

Bell Ringer

Byers Family

Choir Guild

Ann Hunter

Sound Engineer

Jeff Spruell

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, March 17

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:45 p.m. Council of Ministries
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

7:00 p.m. Central Women

Friday, March 22

No events scheduled.

Saturday, March 23

No events scheduled.

Sunday, March 24

9:00 p.m. Called Session Meeting
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
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
4:00 p.m. Officer Training
4:15 p.m. Youth Travel to
Presbyterian Village

the crossroads project



*Grounded In Science | Elevated by Art
Igniting Response*

Thursday, March 28 | 7:30 p.m.

Garage will be open

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and Central Presbyterian Church

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