

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 September 22, 2019, Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Jesus exorcising the Canaanite Woman's daughter from *Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry*, 15th century.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Kristeen Sorrells, viola

RINGING OF THE BELL

Ed Carwile

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Amazing Grace*

Gerald Near

(As the Opening Voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING SENTENCES

*Fit us, O God, for this new day.
 Through your Spirit, grant us courage,
 So that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.
 Through your Christ, fill us with love,
 So that we may not be divided.
 Through your creative energy, make us new.
 Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life.*

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping 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.

Children's Note:

Sometimes life can be scary—maybe after a bad day at school or when you're sick—or even when you're going to sleep at night in a dark room. God is always present with you in that fear. This week, when you are afraid, give yourself a big hug and say "God loves me and God is with me. I am never, ever, ever alone!"

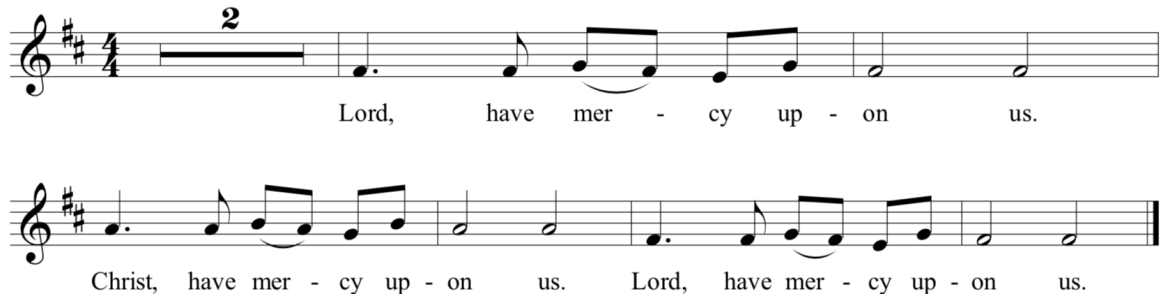
† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you cry out for us to open our hearts,
but our fear keeps them locked.
You call for us to open our minds,
but our stubbornness keeps them closed.
You long for us to open our ears,
but our pride keeps us from hearing your words.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Heal us, embrace us, and wash us in your love.
Breathe your spirit on us once more,
and move us to respond with lives of faithfulness.

(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 OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† RESPONSE: HYMN NO. 591 *Halle, Halle, Halluejah! (Refrain)*

HALLE HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 63:1-8

Page 534, OT, Pew Bible

SECOND READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Page 16, NT, Pew Bible

SERMON

The Enduring Wisdom of Christ: Faith In Fear

Jessica Patchett

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Balm in Gilead

Chancel Choir and Kitsy Battle, soloist

(Text at Hymn No. 792, Stanzas 1 and 3)

Trad. Spiritual
arr. Alice Parker

† AT THE PRESENTATION

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn No. 306: Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Stanza 1)*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dale Wood

During the offering, take a moment 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.



This week at Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 22

12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting
Library
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

Monday, September 23

6:00 p.m. September Session Meeting
Tull Hall

Tuesday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. UKirk College Ministry

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 29

8:45 a.m. Courtyard Hospitality
9:00 a.m. Nazareth Choir
9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbells
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
Anna George Traynham, preaching
12:15 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Zoom Bible Study

Join Rev. Jessica Patchett and Pastoral Intern Hannah Trawick for an 8-week, web-based Zoom Bible Study on Tuesdays from 12-1pm. From Tuesday, October 1- Tuesday November 19, we will spend an hour each week studying community, diversity, and intergenerational relationships. To register or to receive more information, contact htrawick@cpcatlanta.org.

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Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus
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Hannah Trawick	Pastoral Intern
Martin Carver	GSU UKirk Intern

Members in preparation for ordination as Ministers of word and sacrament:

Erin Burt • Julia Watkins

Worship Notes and Announcements

Our Liturgists today: Lauren Scott • Hannah Trawick

Lector of the Day: Anne Watkins

Ushers: Jeff Spruell (captain) • Royal Grooms • Jo McMurtrie
Em McNair • Kimble McNair • Wills Moore • Deanna Robbins
Sherry Wright

Choir Guild: Ann Hunter

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found at www.cpcatlanta.org

You may find us on Facebook at "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 **November 3rd and 10th** at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. For more information, contact Deb Link, administrative assistant, at assistant@cpcatlanta.org

Provide a Meal for UKirk GSU!

On Tuesday nights, the Presbyterian campus ministry of Georgia State, UKirk, meets at Central. You can help by providing a meal for the students! Visit www.ukirkatlanta.com and click "Provide a Meal" to sign up.

Looking for ways to get connected?
Find out more and sign up at cpcatlanta.org.



Music Ministry

Handbells: Wednesdays @ 5:30pm
Chancel Choir: Wednesdays @ 7:30pm

Youth and Children

Children's Choirs: Sundays @ 9:00am
Youth Handbells, Sundays @ 9:00am
Youth Choir, Sundays @ 4:50pm
Youth Fellowship, Sundays @ 6:00pm

Adult Education and Small Groups

Central Young Adults
Rebekah Circle
Central Women
Central Men
Bookworms

Read more at:

<https://cpcatlanta.org/small-groups/>