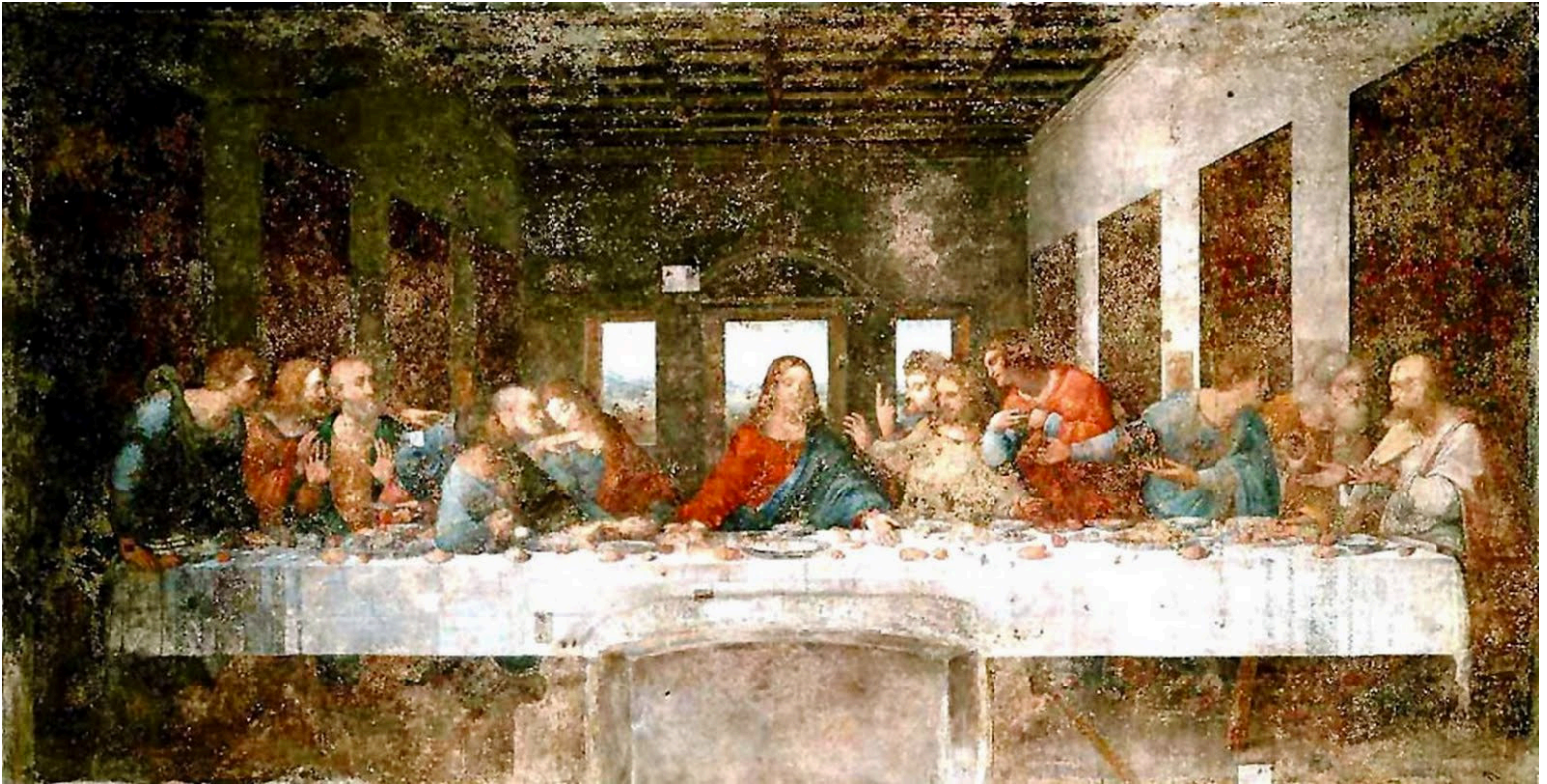


CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
September 29, 2019, Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



*Il Cenacolo* (c. 1490) before restoration by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519); mural

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC                      Rick Wornat, piano

RINGING OF THE BELL

Lynne Rea

OPENING VOLUNTARY                      *I Love to Tell the Story*                      Emily Maxson Porter

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING SENTENCES

*We come to you, O God, our River of Life:  
May we drink deeply and receive your grace.  
We come to you, O God, our Rock of Ages:  
May we stand in trust and receive your strength.  
We come to you, O God, our Source of Compassion:  
May we open our hearts and receive your healing love.*

† HYMN No. 305                      *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*                      DARWALL'S 148TH

† CALL TO CONFESSION

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:

Today we are thinking about books unwritten. We believe that the Bible tells us the story of God and Jesus, but we also believe that the God's story continues beyond the pages of the bible which were written thousands of years ago! We know God is still active in the world today because God is always creating and always moving in your life. This week, write down where you see God each day, and share it with your family.

## 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@cpatlanta.org](mailto:assistant@cpatlanta.org)

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,  
Your grace spills over the world like waters,  
For the depth of your love cannot be contained.  
When we fail to notice your grace, forgive us.  
When we fail to extend your kindness, forgive us.  
When we fail to live as people transformed,  
Bring us back to waters and free us to try again.

*(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. 582: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Page 593, OT, Pew Bible

#### SECOND READING

John 21:20-25

Page 80, NT, Pew Bible

#### SERMON

*The Books Unwritten*

Anna George Traynham

### SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## † HYMN NO. 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is still creating,  
making all things new through the living waters of God's grace.  
We believe that God is still loving,  
showing us embodied love through the life of Christ  
and the movement of the spirit.  
We believe that God is still calling,  
guiding us to follow the lead of God's love on a path of discipleship.  
We believe that God is still forming the body of Christ,  
Uniting us all in one family of God, to share our siblings' joys,  
carry our siblings' burdens, and strive together for the peaceful world God envisioned.  
The love of God is the source of our joy. The love of God will not let us go.

## 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** O Lord, Increase My Faith Orlando Gibbons  
Chancel Choir

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith;  
endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity teach me to say Amen.

† **AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology with Alleluias 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. 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Stanzas 1-4) GREEN TYLER

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymn 543, Stanza 5 GREEN TYLER

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! Alfred V. Fedak

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 29

12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting  
12:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Task Force  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

### Monday, September 30

### Tuesday, October 1

10:30 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee  
*Lum Home*  
7:30 p.m. Taizé Worship Service  
*Chapel*

### Wednesday, October 2

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir  
6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 3

### Friday, October 4

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. CDC Fall Festival  
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, October 5

6:00 p.m. Wedding  
*Sanctuary*

### Sunday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Nazareth Choir  
9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir  
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbells  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Jessica Patchett, preaching  
12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch/Reception  
Honoring Anna George Traynham  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship

## Central Presbyterian Church

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Lauren Scott	Children and Youth Coordinator
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: Emmanuel Amponsah • Hannah Trawick

Lector of the Day: Philip Covin

Ushers: Beth Grashof (captain)

Choir Guild: Kathy McCloud

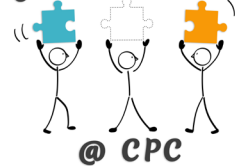
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### Get Connected



#### 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/>

## 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](http://www.ukirkatlanta.com) and click "Provide a Meal" to sign up.

## 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](mailto:htrawick@cpcatlanta.org).