

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 20, 2019, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



a Generous Hope

RE-IMAGINING THE POSSIBLE

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stewardship Logo is by Lauren Wright Pittman

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Abby Zhang, piano

RINGING OF THE BELL Lynne Rea

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Sonata in A Minor: Mvt. 3* Georg Philipp Telemann
Rebecca Testerman, oboe; Vicki Fey, organ

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING SENTENCES

O God, You are our strong anchor and our unfailing center.
Renew us from the inside out.
Melt what our hearts have hardened and soften us with your Spirit.
Make us new in your loving hands.

† HYMN No. 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

† CALL TO CONFESSION Lauren Scott

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
You call us to help those around us,
but too often we ignore your call.
You whisper to us "Be still,"
but too often chaos takes over in our minds, hearts, and lives.
You tell us to follow you,
but too often we choose another path.
Holy One, Holy Three, forgive us, heal us, free us, and guide us.
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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:

Being welcoming is something Jesus asks us to do. But what does it mean to be welcoming? Sometimes, it means saying hello to someone you do not know very well. Sometimes it means helping out someone who is in need. Jesus fed over 5,000 people! With only 5 loaves of bread and two fish. We can learn from Jesus that to be welcoming, we should do all we can even with the little we have to help others.

† KYRIE

AVON GILLESPIE

Lord, have — mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have — mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

† RESPONSE: 698

*Take, O Take Me as I am
(Please Sing Twice)*

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

More Than Enough (Jesus feeds the multitude)
Nazareth and Bethlehem Choirs
Rachel Stewart and Vicki Fey, directors
Rick Wornat, accompanist

Lynn Shaw Bailey
and Becki Slagle Mayo

People followed Jesus from the shores of Galilee, hoping he would heal the sick and help the blind to see. Numbering five thousand men, plus women, children, too, in a far, deserted place, he taught them what is true.

Refrain: Jesus gives us more than enough, more than enough.
Jesus provides us with more than enough.

We may not see the how or when, the who, the what, the why, but in our time of greatest need, Jesus will provide.

As the day grew later, his disciples came to say, "There is not enough to eat, Lord, send the crowds away. We have only two small fish and five small loaves of bread. Tell the multitude to go and feed themselves instead." Jesus looked toward heaven, as he blessed the fish and bread. Breaking up the fish and loaves, the multitude was fed. In the end, twelve basketsful of fish and bread remained. Jesus did a miracle! His followers proclaimed: (*Refrain*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER: HYMN NO. 28 Psalm 139: *You Are Before Me, Lord*
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5)

SURSUM CORDA

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:10-17

Page 65, NT, Pew Bible

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Antwi

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Jill Lum

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
Chancel Choir; Rebecca Testerman, oboe

arr. Richard Hillert;
Text: Robert L. Edwards
Tune: Beach Spring

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door; gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise: thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred; ours to use, for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

† AT THE PRESENTATION

God of Blessing and Abundance

HYMN TO JOY

Text: David Gambrell

God of blessing and abundance, source of every gift we know,
Let us taste and see the goodness where your milk and honey flow.
With thanksgiving, we remember how you brought us to this place.
Nourish us with daily manna; strengthen us to share your grace.

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Hannah Trawick

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn 71: Surely, It Is God who Saves Me (Refrain)*

FIRST SONG

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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, October 20

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
12:15 p.m. Sunday Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Night Shelter Information Session
12:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Task Force
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, October 21

6:30 p.m. Central Moms' Meeting
Miller Home
7:00 p.m. Central Men's Dinner
Dakota Blue

Tuesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
6:30 p.m. UKirk College Ministries

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Dinner
Leslie Home
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 25

No scheduled events.

Saturday, October 26

4:00 p.m. Families of Children Potluck Dinner
Hilimire Home

Sunday, October 27

8:45 a.m. Courtyard Hospitality
9:00 a.m. Nazareth Choir
9:00 a.m. Bethlehem Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship - Jessica Patchett, preaching
12:00 p.m. Worship, Music, and Arts Input Session
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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
Christian Antwi

Lector of the Day: Vanessa Hunter

Ushers: Becky Battle (captain) • Philip Covin • Jeff Dake
Karen Gravel • Sandy Hoke • Jean Ellen Jones • Kathy Taylor

Choir Guild: Dot Phillips

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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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.

About the stewardship banner, "Pixelated Holy Spirit"

My intention was to create a banner that would call attention to the primary purpose of Stewardship, that is, to give so that the Holy Spirit can do its work. The challenge was to come up with something dimensional to represent the Holy Spirit which is both invisible and infinite. Obviously, it would have to be abstract and symbolic. The Holy Spirit must have been working because PIXELS popped into my head. A pixel is a tiny part of a larger image. It could be done by cutting one inch pieces of fabric and ironing them on to a prepared grid. The method was settled, but what about the design. As it worked out, the design evolved from the random placement of pieces from dark to light. Rainbow colors were selected because they are the basic colors from which everything is made, including light. So now we have the symbolic representation of the invisible nature of the Holy Spirit, as well as the infinite nature. It is my hope that when you look at this banner, you will be reminded of the work of the Holy Spirit and what your contribution to Central Presbyterian Church could do to help in those areas where the Holy Spirit needs our help. We are grateful to John White for his help hanging the banner and to members of the Worship, Music and Arts Committee who cut and placed at least 5,000 tiny pixels.

-Alberta Irwin

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

Reminder:

October 27 is Stewardship Dedication Sunday.
Join us for the celebration! Bring your pledge or pledge online.