



October 25, 2020  
Service for The Lord's Day  
11 a.m.

Citizens of Heaven  
Possessions and Unclean Spirits  
Mark 5:1-20  
Philippians 3:12-4:1

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# Gathering Around the Word

Preservice Music

A Mighty Fortress  
*Vicki Fey, organ*

arr. Timothy Albrecht

A Mighty Fortress  
*Geneva Bell Choir; Vicki Fey, director*  
*Recorded October 27, 2019*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Welcome and Announcements

Jasiel H. Garcia

Prayer of Adoration

Jasiel H. Garcia

Hymn 275, Stanzas 1, 2, 4

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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**A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.**

**That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.**

Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we find ourselves being more attracted to the wickedness of this world than to your heavenly call. We find it easier to live with bitterness in our hearts than to make peace. We view our neighbors as strangers and we are fearful to welcome them. Merciful God, forgive us and create in us a clean heart. One that is open to your loving kindness and open to loving others as ourselves. Be with us in the midst of trying times, and remind us where our hope comes from. Through you may our sins be forgiven.**

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of The Peace

Hymn Response

We Choose Love Stanza 4  
*Hope Bradford, vocals*

Andrea Ramsey, 2017

**We choose love, people, we choose love,  
we are marching with all people  
for our fundamental rights.  
We choose love.**

## Proclaiming The Word

Children's Sermon

Mary Kate McAlister

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 3.12-4.1

Matt Baum, lector

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-20

Sermon

Citizens of Heaven: Possessions and Unclean Spirits

Jasiel H. Garcia

## Responding to and Sending The Word

Anthem

You'll Never Walk Alone (from Carousel)  
*Jennifer Sengin, soloist; Vicki Fey, keyboard*

Rodgers & Hammerstein

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Jessica Patchett

**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.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into The World

Closing Hymn

Rise  
*Jennifer Sengin, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard*  
(Congregation, please join on refrain after the third stanza)

Words & Music by Arianne Abela, 2017

**Oh, stand with me. Rise up hand in hand.  
Oh, stand with me. We will rise to spread love  
across this bitter land.**

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Blessing and Benediction

Sending Music

A Mighty Fortress

*Vicki Fey, organ*

Helmut Walcha

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This year, Central Presbyterian Church will be observing All Saints Sunday in a very unique way. We will be creating a “remembrance display” to honor and give thanks for the ones we have lost. We are inviting you to submit a photo of a loved one or someone you deeply care about who passed away in the last year. Along with their photo, we ask that you provide their name - no further details are needed. We will compile these photos and names to create this “remembrance display” that will be showcased as a video. This video will be then shared through our website and social media platforms on All Saints Sunday.

Whether you or loved one belongs to Central Presbyterian Church is not a requirement to



participate. This is an open invitation to all.

To submit a photo and name, please contact pastor Jasiel H. Garcia at [jhernandez@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:jhernandez@cpcatlanta.org). The deadline is Oct. 28.



Central has moved to a new way of communicating and staying connected.

Central Presbyterian Church has moved from MyCPC/ChurchLife to a new and improved church record keeping and communication solution called [Realm](#).

Realm is a one stop shop for members to connect, sign up for events, give and grow as a community.

While the site is easier to navigate and access than

MYCPC/ChurchLife, it will still have many of the same components that make it easy to stay connected with other members.

Not only will you be able to search for your friends' contact information, but you will be able to RSVP for events, track your giving, and connect with groups and activities. We will be using Realm in our stewardship pledge campaign this year.

You can join by the link below:  
<https://onrealm.org/cpcatlanta>

Please note: the password used for MyCPC will no longer work; you will be required to choose a new one.

Would you like to read more about Realm? Just visit this page on our website - link here - for answers for all of your questions. Questions? Concerns? Just contact Linda Massengill at [lmassengill@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:lmassengill@cpcatlanta.org).

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

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 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
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 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.