



November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

David Cherwien

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

Welcome

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Ring of the Bell

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



When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

JERUSALEM CHOIR; THOM DIXON, CONDUCTOR; KAREN BROWN, PIANO

Come be the light, come be the joy,
come be the hope the world needs to know.
Come be the voice of kindness and truth,
sharing the peace of Christ wherever you go.

Praise God with a song of gladness
ringing out to the skies above.
Lift your light and let it shine
so the world may know God's love.

Come be daring as you strive
to love one another. Come be bold,
and be courageous in God's grace.
With hands to serve and gifts to share,
come show the world how Christ would care for all God's people everywhere.

Come be the light...



Call to Worship

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 16

God, you alone are our portion and our cup.
Your love keeps us safe.

**We will praise the Lord, who counsels us.
even at night God instructs our hearts.**

We will keep our eyes on the Lord.
We will not be shaken.

**You show us the path of life we must follow.
You fill us with joy in your presence.**

Therefore, we proclaim to the world:
"You are our Lord; apart from you we have no good thing."
Let us worship God.



Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

LYONS



Call to Confession

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia



Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God, apart from you we have no good thing.
Forgive us for failing to share and provide your abundant grace to this world.
Forgive us for indulging our desires at the expense of the poor and forsaken.**

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**Forgive us for destroying forests and abusing the land.
 Restore our energy that seeks justice, service, and equality.
 Renew our minds with purpose and collaboration.
 Place in us your Spirit of truth.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 415 Stanza 3

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
 lost and ruined by the fall;
 if you tarry till you're better,
 you will never come at all.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
 he will embrace me in his arms.
 In the arms of my dear Savior,
 O there are ten thousand charms.**

During the response hymn, children are invited to come forward for A Time With Children.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time With Children

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Prayer for Illumination

David Enniss

First Lesson

Psalm 16

David Enniss

Second Lesson

Joshua 4:1-7

Rev. John M. Semmes

Sermon

“Crossing Over, Pressing On”

Rev. John M. Semmes

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word

✠ Affirmation of Faith
 A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

Christian Antwi

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
 love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the**

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Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. 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!"

Anthem

My Lord, what a Mornin'
Chancel Choir

Negro spiritual,
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord, what a mornin', oh, my Lord,
what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways,
join that heavenly band!

Oh, my Lord, what a mornin'...

Dedication of Pledges

Rev. John M. Semmes

Hymn 709

God, We Honor You
(*please sing three times*)

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Prayers of the People

Christian Antwi

The Lord's Prayer

ALTERNATIVE VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

We pray that your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,

From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence

Beyond the evil of our days —

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

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41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

CONFESSION

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first line of the melody is marked 'All or Leader'.

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

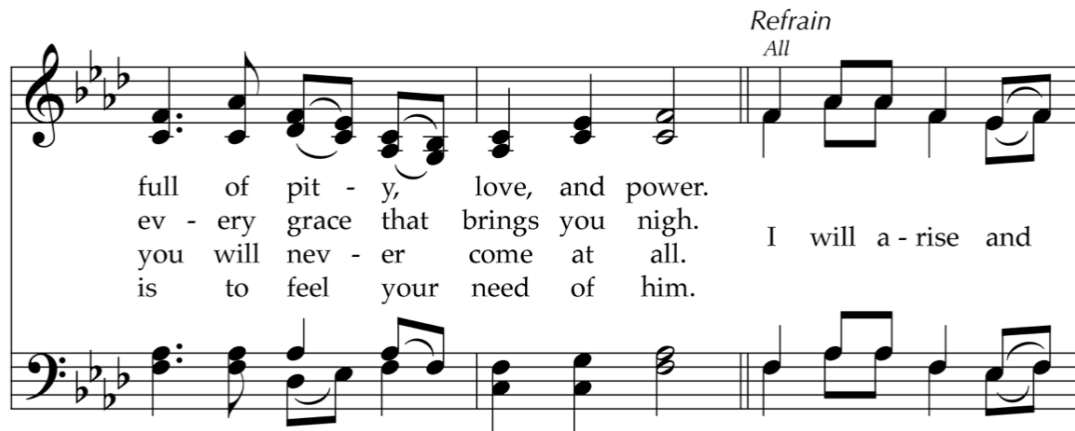
RESTORATION
8.7.8.7 with refrain

CONFESSION

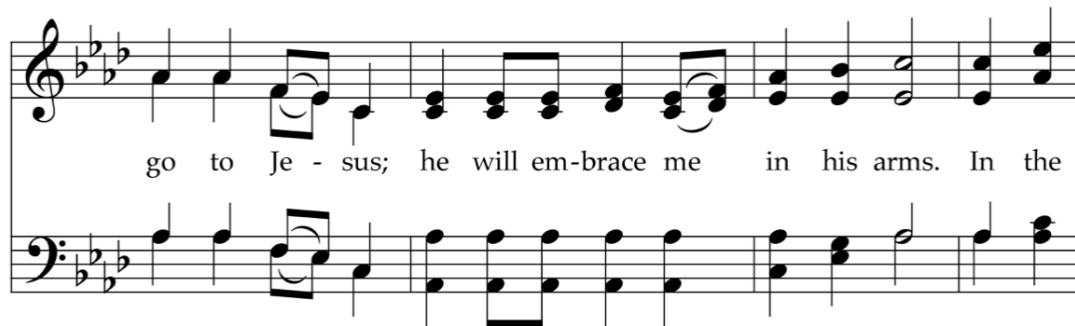


sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All



full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.



go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the



arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

709

God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

**May be sung as a canon.*

Visiting Central?

Whether we are together in person or being the body of Christ from afar, Central is a community of faith that offers a great variety of opportunities for you to connect and find a place to belong:

Worship: On Sundays, our in-person worship service takes place at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Central's Chancel Choir has resumed and is participating during worship services.

Learning: Our Fall classes include "Delivered out of Empire: Pivotal Moments in the Book of Exodus," "The Christian Imagination - Theology and the Origins of Race," "Friends on the Journey: an Anti-Racism Community Building," "Coffee & Connections: Conversations about Life and Faith," and "The Bible and Poverty."

Fellowship: Our fellowship blooms across ministries - children and youth, college and young adults, parents and older adults, and other Central Life Groups that offer meaningful connections.

Service: From serving meals and coffee to our neighbors experiencing homelessness at the courtyard on Sunday mornings to traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border, Israel-Palestine, and Haiti; Central offers opportunities for faithful missionary service and advocacy support in Atlanta and beyond. You may also serve in our hospitality and the A/V and communications ministries.

We welcome you at
Central Presbyterian Church!

For more information, please connect with our associate pastor, Rev. Jasiel H. Garcia at jhernandez@cpcatlanta.org

Central Care Teams

Central's diaconate is launching a new initiative called 'Central Care Teams.' Each team is composed of two to four deacons assigned to a particular Central parish. These teams will lead the church's caring and support efforts by:

- 1) Coordinating meal-trains & communicating other care-related needs to the parish.
- 2) Scheduling and coordinating care visits and in-home communion.
- 3) Assisting with funerals and memorial services.
- 4) Participating in the planning for Maundy Thursday in-home worship services.

The Care Teams will collaborate with Parish Coordinators and the Pastoral Staff. For more information, you may contact Eleanor Dake and Amy Covin.

The Care Teams for 2021-2022 are:

Decatur - Ed Carwile, Eleanor Dake, and Rob Forbes.

Northern Lights - Vicki Collier, Ginger Heidbreder, Zac Hilimire, and Brian Bishop.

In-Town South - Linda Lehfeltdt, Ben Sutton, Sandy Hoke, Amy Covin*, and Phillip Covin.*

In-Town North - Jan DeLong, Tom Leslie, and Debbie Miller.*

Brookwood - Ben Evans, Vicki Norman.

Down Yonder - Anne Watkins, Kathy McCloud, LaShawn Green, Emmalee Hackshaw, and Em McNair.*

*represents the current Parish Coordinators.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year as we care for one another and share the love of God at Central.

Give

Please give generously to support Central's work and mission in this time of great need! You can scan the QR code to give via our secure portal.





Central Presbyterian Church is a Matthew 25 Congregation. As such, we are committed to:

1. Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

We do so through the work of our Learning and Worship ministries, and through the Session's vision for community building and advocacy support for this program year.

2. Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

We do so through the work of the Dismantling Racism Task Group's consultation with VISIONS Inc. to better equip ourselves, and through the faithful conversations of "Friends on the Journey."

3. And eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

We do so through the work of the Local and Global Missions Committee, the Cozad Task Force, and the Pollard and Covenant Grant Discernment Team.