



January 9, 2022  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

*Prelude on OMNI DIE*

Edwin T. Childs

*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 worshiping God.*



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

✠ Call to Worship

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

The voice of the Lord is on the waters.

The God of glory thunders.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful.**

**The voice of the Lord is majestic.**

**The voice of the Lord breaks the trees of the field.**

The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

**The Lord sat as King at the flood.**

**Yes, the Lord sits as King forever.**

**Therefore, we worship the Lord our God.**

✠ Hymn 375

*Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

✠ Call to Confession

Christian Antwi

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 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.**

*For safety reasons, A Time With Children is not being offered during worship for the remainder of the month.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination		Janet Abercrombie
First Lesson	Isaiah 43:1-7	Janet Abercrombie
Second Lesson	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Kimberly Parker
Sermon	“Baptism for a New Year!”	Kimberly Parker
Silence and Stillness		

## Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith  
THE CONFESSION OF 1967, SECTION 9.51

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

**By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined humankind in their need and entered upon the ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound God’s beloved people to God’s self. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship.**

Anthem	<i>At the River</i>	Aaron Copland
	Dr. Jennifer Sengin, soloist	
	TEXT: HYMN 375, STANZAS 1, 4	

Invitation to The Lord’s Table	Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia
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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	Christian Antwi
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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

*In light of the new COVID measures established for the month of January, the communion packets will not be given directly to the congregation during the service. Instead, there will be two baskets in the narthex following the worship service where you can pick up your communion packet and partake of it whenever you feel most comfortable and safe.  
Thank you for your understanding*

Prayer After Communion

Christian Antwi

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 293 *Loving Spirit* OMNI DIE

✠ Benediction Kimberly Parker

Closing Voluntary *Two Variations on OMNI DIE* Lynn L. Petersen

*The congregation is invited to be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

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## Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer, Steve Fey  
Choir Guild, Ann Hunter  
Lector, Janet Abercrombie  
Vocal Quintet, Janet Abercrombie, Lucy Baum, Matt Baum, Dennis Lau, Dr. Jennifer Sengin

### Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff  
The Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,  
Associate Pastor for Engagement and Mission  
The Rev. P. C. (Buddy) Enniss, Pastor Emeritus  
Christian Antwi,  
Director, Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families  
Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Interim Choral Director  
Vicki Fey, CCM, Organist, Bethlehem Choir  
Director, Geneva Handbell Director  
Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus  
Thomas Dixon, Music Intern  
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

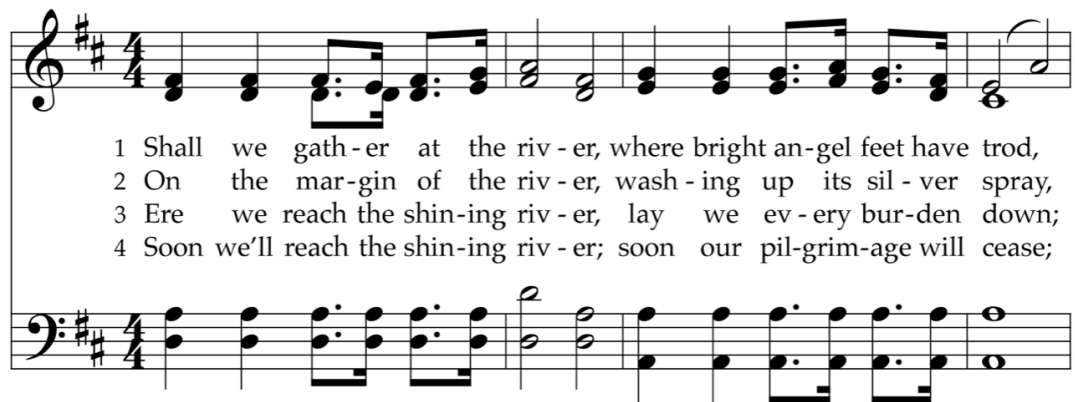
### Worship Production Staff

Mark Wallace Maguire,  
Director of Communications  
Dean Hammond,  
Volunteer Technology Director  
Sam Patton, Audio Engineer  
Kurt Vogel, A/V Assistant  
Jason Bliss, A/V Assistant

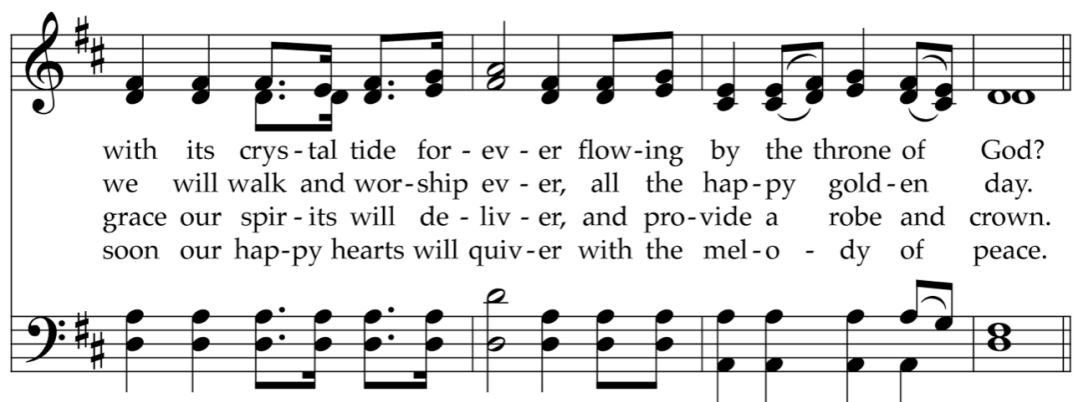
### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Charles Rooks  
Kathy Kohn  
Norm Kohn  
Kathy McCloud  
Martha Haythorn

# 375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

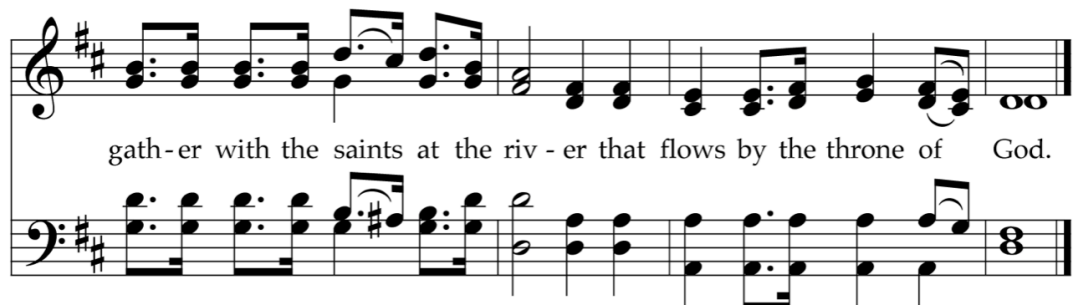


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

## Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;




gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

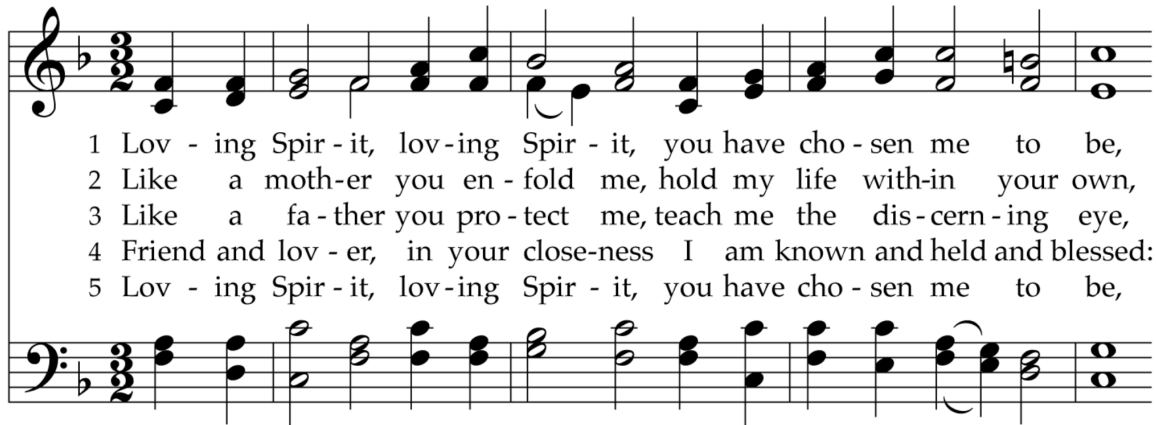
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



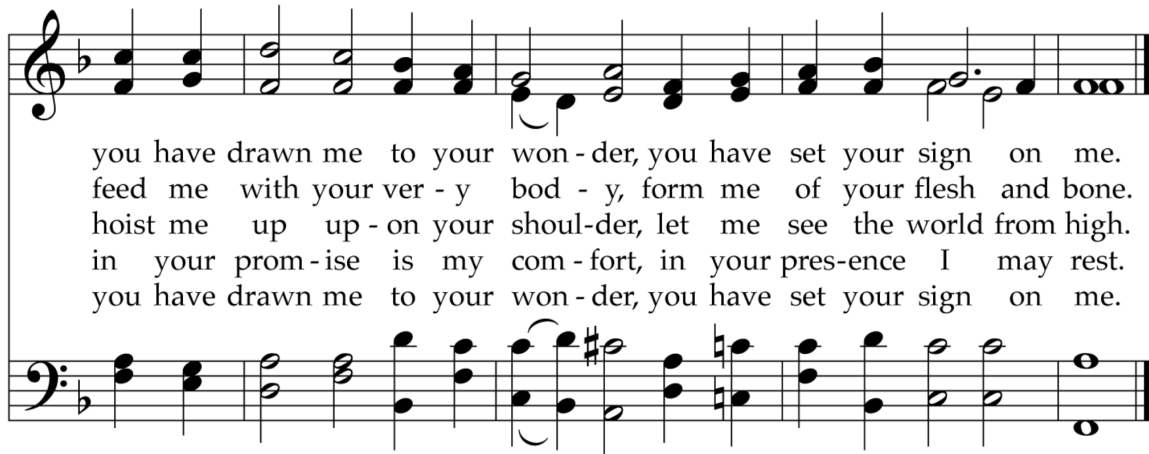
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.



## Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,  
 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,  
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:  
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

MUSIC: Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent.

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OMNI DIE (Corner)  
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## 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:** We have an array of upcoming classes in 2022, we will be publicizing soon

**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](mailto: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 Lehfelddt, 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.*