



January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



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Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

Two Variations on Morning Has Broken

John Ferguson

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.

✠ Call to Worship
ADAPTED FROM PSALM 71

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

In you, O Lord, we take refuge;
in your righteousness we find strength.
You have done great things for us.

Our mouths proclaim praise and glory.

Our hearts are filled with your joy and salvation.

Your power and faithfulness is upon us!

Let us worship the living God,
our rock and our redeemer.

✠ Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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✠ Call to Confession

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

✠ Prayer of Confession

Faithful and loving God, we acknowledge our failure to listen and follow your teachings. Your holy Word challenges us to live by faith and to offer grace to one another. Yet, we push your truth away. We remain silent when we should speak on behalf of the marginalized. We judge each other when we should be seeking understanding. We cling to power, wealth, and safety when we should be promoting justice in our community. We maintain the walls of hatred and enmity when we should be building bridges of hope. Forgive us, merciful God. Give us your grace. Fill us with your wisdom. And transform us from the inside out. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 until February 13.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell

First Lesson

Psalm 71
Janet Abercrombie, soloist

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell

Second Lesson

Luke 4:14-30

Rev. John M. Semmes

Sermon

“The Sermon No One Wants to Hear”

Rev. John M. Semmes

Silence and Stillness

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Christian Antwi

DECLARATION OF FAITH 10.1

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

Anthem

Lord of the Dance (trad. Shaker melody) arr. Mark Hayes
Thomas Dixon, soloist
TEXT: HYMN 157

Offertory plates for gifts, tithes and offerings can be found in the narthex while enhanced covid protocols are in place.

Prayers of the People

Christian Antwi

The Lord's Prayer

ALTERNATE VERSION

**Beloved, our Father and Mother,
in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name,
followed be your royal way,
done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever.
Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

 Hymn 772 *Live Into Hope* TRURO

 Benediction

Closing Voluntary *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Paul Manz

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

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Mary Jane Cornell, Lector
Tricia Berrett, Tower Bell Ringer
Janet Abercrombie, Soloist
Thom Dixon, Soloist
Vocal Ensemble

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, 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

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
A cadre of faithful individuals

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

582

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.

772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

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@cpclatlanta.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 Lehfeldt, 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.