



February 13, 2022
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

These are the Holy Ten Commandments

J.S. Bach

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

Welcome

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

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

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 1

We come together to celebrate the joy-filled blessedness of living within God's commandments.

We come, blessed by the fruits of God's Spirit, to delight in the love of God.

We come together, seeking to be like trees planted by holy streams of water,
to prosper under the grace of God.

**The Lord watches over us with gladness,
guiding our paths into dreams of justice and inclusion.
Let us worship the living God, whose glory shines upon us!**



Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA



Call to Confession

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García



Prayer of Confession

God, our hope and our redeemer, you have taught us to side with the poor, the hungry, and the ones who weep. Yet, we pull away from your kingdom and reject your law and your teachings. Remind us, once again, that your truth is liberating and that your power triumphs over all that is evil in this world. Empower us to seek justice and kindness. Transform us to be instruments of your peace. Use us to share the joy of your salvation with one another and the whole world. Shine your glory upon us so that we may live by faith! In your holy name, we pray. Amen.



Assurance of Pardon



Passing of the Peace



Hymn 441, Stanza 2

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

**All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time With Children		Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
Prayer for Illumination		Vanessa Hunter
First Lesson	Psalm 1	Vanessa Hunter
Second Lesson	Luke 6:17-26	Rev. John M. Semmes
Sermon	“The Downside to Your Upside”	Rev. John M. Semmes
Silence and Stillness		

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith	Christian Antwi
A 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	<i>If Ye Love Me</i>	Thomas Tallis
	Chancel Choir	

IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS,
AND I WILL PRAY THE FATHER, AND HE SHALL GIVE YOU ANOTHER COMFORTER,
THAT HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. -JOHN 14:15-17A, KJV

Prayers of the People	Christian Antwi
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The Lord's Prayer
TRADITIONAL: INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

**Beloved parent who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 265	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	DUKE STREET
✠ Benediction		Rev. John M. Semmes
Closing Voluntary	<i>We All Believe in One God</i>	J. S. Bach

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

Participating in Worship Today

Vanessa Hunter, Lector
Frances Padgett, Choir Guild
Bobbie Paul, Tower Bell Ringer
Viktoria Shorokhova, Organist
Chancel Choir

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, Organist/Music Associate
Michael Morgan, Organist Emeritus

Thomas Dixon, Music Intern
Dennis Lau, Music Intern

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Volunteer Technology Director
Sam Patton, Audio Engineer
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Kathy Kohn
Norm Kohn
Kathy McCloud
Martha Haythorn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Hear the Good News of Salvation 441

Wotanin waste nahon po

1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.

1 Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:
 2 Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,

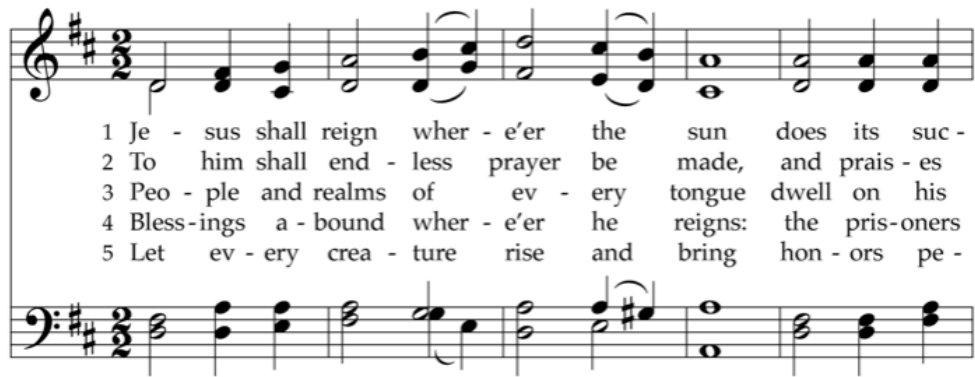
Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:
 to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.
 kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!
 Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.
 ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.

This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

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

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.