



The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

Four Hymns without Words, No. 1
Kyle Blake Jones, soprano saxophone

Adolphus Hailstork

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

Welcome

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Ringling 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.
Please silence your phones.

✠ Call to Worship
ADAPTED FROM PSALM 138

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

We give you thanks, O Lord, from our whole hearts.

**We bow down and sing your praises,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness have sustained us.**

On the day of trouble we called your name, and you answered us.

You gave us strength for our souls. You restored our hearts with peace.

Though we walk in the midst of peril,
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers us.

We come to worship you, O God, our deliverer.

✠ Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

✠ Call to Confession

Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

✠ Prayer of Confession

Loving God, listen to your children praying. Forgive what is twisted or dangerous in us, especially when we make our requests or demand answers from you. We acknowledge the times when our prayers are guided by selfishness instead of being grounded by your will. Restore in us a humble spirit and a grateful heart for

the daily bread you provide us. Do not let us be overwhelmed by the darkness that surrounds us, but may your light guide our feet with hope and resilience. Teach us to be better disciples and to trust you as we continue to pray for each other, and the world. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

✠ Kyrie (Hymn 851)

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

(PLEASE SING TWICE.)

**Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God,
for Jesus will never say no.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Response (Hymn 700 Stanza 1)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination		Rev. Mary Jane Cornell
First Lesson	Psalm 138	Rev. Mary Jane Cornell
Second Lesson	Luke 11:1-13	Rev. John M. Semmes
Sermon	“The Purpose of Prayer”	Rev. John M. Semmes
<i>Silence and Stillness</i>		

Responding to the Word

 Affirmation of Faith THE SCOTS CONFESSION 3.01		Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
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We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Offertory Sentence		Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
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Music at the Offertory	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> Thomas Dixon, soloist TEXT: HYMN 475, ALT.	Tom Trenney
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 At the Presentation	Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

 Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		Traditional Version
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**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

✦ Hymn 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

✦ Benediction

Rev. John M. Semmes

Closing Voluntary

Four Hymns without Words, No. 4
Kyle Blake Jones, soprano saxophone

Adolphus Hailstork

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

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. The service is also live streamed on both YouTube and our website, www.cpcatlanta.org.

Learning: We have multiple classes to connect on Sunday mornings and during the week. Check our website and weekly e-news for updates.

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!

Participating in Worship Today

Tower Bell Ringer, Ed Carwile
Soprano Saxophone, Kyle Blake Jones
Lector, Rev. Mary Jane Cornell
Soloist, Thomas Dixon

Worship Staff

The Rev. John M. Semmes, Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
The Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,
Associate Pastor for Engagement and Mission
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