



The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2022  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



'FIRST STEPS, AFTER MILLET,' BY VINCENT VAN GOGH

## Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

*Sonata IV: Andante religioso*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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.  
Please silence your phones.



Call to Worship

Samuel Phillips

Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer,  
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

**we come to worship God!**

In hope and in humility,

with joy and with concerns,

**in faith and in uncertainty,**

**with questions and with conviction,**

**let us worship God!**



Hymn 697

*Take My Life*

HENDON



Call to Confession

Samuel Phillips



Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess we are too concerned  
with our own peace, wealth, and success.**

**We seek the comfort of silence and ignore  
the cries of the oppressed. We are inward-  
ly focused, missing your call to serve the  
world in justice and love. Forgive us, O**

*Silent Confession*

**God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world  
in which all know dignity and respect.**

**Empower us to treat each other as your  
beloved children. Change us so that we no  
longer abuse our bonds of friendship. In  
your name, we pray. Amen.**



Kyrie Hymn 698

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

John L. Bell

(PLEASE SING TWICE.)

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**



Assurance of Pardon

Samuel Phillips



Passing of the Peace

Samuel Phillips



Response Hymn 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Paul Vasile

**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.**

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

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children		Samuel Phillips
Prayer for Illumination		Hannah Palmer
First Lesson	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Hannah Palmer
Second Lesson	Luke 16:1-13	Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
Sermon	“Don’t Be Fooled!”	Rev. Jasiel Hernández García
<i>Silence and Stillness</i>		

## Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith

Samuel Phillips

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**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 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.**

Offertory Sentence

Samuel Phillips

Music at the Offertory

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Spiritual/

arr. William L. Dawson

Chancel Choir; Thomas Dixon, conductor; Liz Jaffe, soloist

TEXT: HYMN 792



At the Presentation

*Doxology*

OLD 100TH

**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

Samuel Phillips

Prayers of the People & 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 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

 Benediction Rev. Jasiel Hernández García

Closing Voluntary *The Solid Rock* arr. Anna Laura Page

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

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## Participating in Worship Today

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Tower Bell Ringer, Kevin Byars  
Lector, Hannah Palmer  
Chancel Choir  
Choir Guild, Kathy Kohn

### 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  
Susan Landrum, Interim Director of Youth  
Sam Phillips, Interim Director for Family Ministry  
Dr. Jennifer Sengin, Director of Musical Arts  
Vicki Fey, Organist/Music Associate  
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  
Bo Brewer, Audio Engineer  
Kurt Vogel, A/V Assistant

### Hospitality Team

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

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## LECTOR RECRUITER NEEDED

Phyllis Lloyd, who has served as Central's lector recruiter for many years, is ready to pass the mantle to someone else! If you feel called to volunteer in this way, please contact John Semmes, Phyllis Lloyd, or Vicki Fey. Phyllis has all the documents you need to send to lectors each week – options for the Prayer for Illumination and various other blurbs. She also has a list of lector coaches. Vicki sends the lector texts to the recruiter a month at a time, so the recruiter doesn't have to search for the text.

Also, our thanks to Vanessa Hunter for starting the process of recruiting lectors for the year ahead during the recent all-church retreat. Dates are still available, so if you would like to read scripture during 11 a.m. worship for a week or more, please let Vanessa know.