



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Through Him, All Things, Lauren Wright Pittman

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Abide with Me

Arr. Jerry Ray

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringling 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.

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver
FROM ISAIAH 40:21

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

✠ Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* **LOBE DEN HERREN**

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our community, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom through the noise. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 313 (Stanza 4) *Lord, Make Us More Holy* **LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY**

**Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
Lord, make us more faithful;
until we meet again:
faithful, faithful, faithful
until we meet again.**

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Courtney Anne Henry and Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Sarah Cook

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:20-21

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your phones.

Responding to the Word

 Hymn 514 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness SCHMÜCKE DICH LMD

Affirmation of Faith
THE APOSTLES' CREED TRADITIONAL

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. William Dawson
Chancel Choir; Janet Abercrombie soloist; Mason Copeland, piano

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul
Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again
Don't ever feel discouraged
For Jesus is your friend
And if you lack of knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend
If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all".

At the Presentation *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia!**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
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...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...
 ..And so, with your people on earth and all of the company of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their voices who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus 552

LAND OF REST

Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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...For in our waiting, we proclaim "Great is the Mystery of Faith!"

Memorial Acclamation 553

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SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D) (A) (D/F[#])(F[#]m)

F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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The Lord's Prayer

TRADITIONAL PC (USA)

**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

Communion of the People

We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.

Music During Communion

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

Elizabeth Daly, soprano; Mason Copeland, piano

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World



Hymn 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE



Charge and Benediction

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

A Congregational Meeting will take place immediately following worship

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Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Sarah Cook
Choir Guild: Anita Carwile
Tower Bell Ringer: Jason Bliss
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond,
Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Kevin Byers
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
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Annastassia Pons
Isabelle Werber

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Elizabeth Daly, Music Intern
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You may give via the
envelope in the pew, online
at www.cpcatlanta.org or
using the QR code.



Called Congregational meeting today following worship

Central has a called congregational meeting at the close of worship today for three purposes: to vote on the pastors' terms of call, to elect the 2024 Nominating Committee, and to receive the 2024 budget.

From the Battle Family

To our dear Central family, we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for making Bob's/Bee's celebration of life service and reception so glorious. From the musicians, to the bakers, the set-up and clean-up volunteers, and the technicians, it was exactly as we had planned and more than we had hoped. It truly was a celebration of all that he loved: dear friends, good music, mac and cheese, cherry tarts, and red wine! Thank you, thank you, thank you! - *Becky Battle and family*

Presbyterians for a Better Georgia and Vulnerable Georgians need your voice

This year's Georgia General Assembly is a very important session because the state has the largest ever (\$16 Billion) surplus of state funds that should be used to expand access to healthcare, mental healthcare, affordable housing, and other critical programs to help vulnerable Georgians. Presbyterians for a Better Georgia (PBG) needs the voices of people of faith like you who:

Please join us for on-line training, then come to Central Presbyterian Church (CPC) to walk across the street to the State Capitol and engage the people who represent you:



- PBG Advocacy Training (Zoom) February 6 at 7 p.m.
- PBG Lobby Day - March 5 at Central Presbyterian Church
- Georgia ACT Housing Day - CPC February 28

To learn more, go to the PBG website P4BG.org or email Al Stacer, PBG Chair at info@p4bg.com

February 14, 2024



ASH WEDNESDAY
Central Presbyterian Church
Noon in Rand Chapel 🕯 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday takes place on
February 14 with two services at
Central

'Ashes on the go' will be available on Washington Street from
9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m.



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