



**CENTRAL**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 9, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*The Royal Family, Seong Moy*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*The Old Rugged Cross*

arr. Jerry Ray

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringing 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

By THOM SHUMAN

We gather on this day,

**to praise our God, who is our strength.**

We gather on this holy day,

**to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.**

We gather in this sacred space,

**to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope.**



Hymn 612

*We Praise You, O God*

KRESMER



Call to Confession



Litany of Confession

Compassionate God, you made the world, intended it to be a good place and called its people your children.

**But we confess that is easy to forget.**

We confess that confusion can reign inside us despite our faith;

**Anger, bitterness, tension and envy can distort our vision;**

Our minds can worry small things all out of proportion;

**We sometimes speak before we think and use words that wound.**

O God, forgive us. Forgive us and grant us new life in you.

**Change us and make our hearts your home so that our lives can illustrate the grace of a God who makes all things and all people new!...(Silent Confession) Amen.**



Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**



Passing of the Peace



Hymn 59

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord* THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;**

**God's mercies never come to an end.**

**They are new every morning, new every morning;**

**great is your faithfulness, O Lord,**

**great is your faithfulness.**

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



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

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Prayer for Illumination

Lucy Baum

First Lesson

Psalm 138

Second Lesson

Mark 3:20-35

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

## Responding to the Word



Hymn 736

*I Want to Be as Close to You*

DAVIDSON



Affirmation of Faith

Kimberly Parker

FROM THE APOSTLE'S 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, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to 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

Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Rosie Smith, soloist

arr. Isaac Lowder

At the Presentation

*Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**



Prayer of Dedication

# The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Responsive 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.**

Holy God, we praise you. We offer you our hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

**Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you.**

With the angels of light who envelop us, with brothers and sisters and siblings, east and west, we sing to you.

**And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:**

Sanctus 552

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LAND OF REST

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> 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.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

**Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.**

Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us.

**Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life.**

Living with you, he prays for us. Great is the mystery of faith!

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)  
 F C F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole.  
**And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.**  
 Now hear us as we continue to pray, saying...

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

Prayer After Communion

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 376

*When All is Ended*

YOGANANDA

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*Improvisation*

Mason Copeland

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Lucy Baum  
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director  
Quartet: Lucy Baum, Rosie Smith, Thom Dixon,  
Matt Baum

### Hospitality Team

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

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## Give

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*In times like these*

*Central Presbyterian Church All Church Retreat*

All are invited to enjoy fellowship with Central members at the annual Labor Day retreat. Our theme for this year, 'In Times Like These,' reflects our conversations of lament, finding strength, and is a call to action. The event takes place Saturday, August 31 beginning at noon through Monday, September 2 at 11 a.m. We will be lead by The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner, who serves as the Assistant Professor of Preaching at Princeton

Theological Seminary, and is a long-time friend of Central. Registration costs include housing, program, Saturday lunch and evening meal and Sunday evening meal as well as housing in a traditional Montreat lodge. This year, we are trying something new and optimizing capacity to reduce

expenses. Lodges available for adults and families will be Reynolds and Winnsborough. We will not have Glen Rock Inn or Apartments. The

cost cap for families will be \$415. Also new this year, we will offer an "a la carte" Premium Option. There will be no cost cap available for this category. We have provided for a non-subsidized lodging category by reserving 15 rooms at William Black Lodge (located behind Assembly Inn). Maximum 2 adults per room at William Black Lodge. If you select this option, please contact Vanessa Hunter to confirm details. Registration fee waivers are available. To learn more, ask questions, or request a waiver, please contact Vanessa Hunter at [veegabriele@gmail.com](mailto:veegabriele@gmail.com). Please sign up soon to we can get a head count for this special time together!

## June 16 & July 28 - Atlanta Streets Alive

Be a part of the crew at the new Central tent at Atlanta Streets Alive. Lunch together before heading out to join the fun of a closed off Peachtree Street.

## June 27 - Thirsty Thursdays

Central members meet monthly at 7 p.m. at Manuel's Tavern for a time of informal fellowship. While this event was initially for Young Professionals, the event is open to all ages. Guests are welcome and no RSVP is required! Manuel's is located at 602 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307.

Upcoming dates include:

June 27

July 25

August 22

Questions? Contact M.E. Davis at [maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com](mailto:maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com)

## July 21 - Celebrate Rev. Shannon J. Kershner's 1st Year

Join Central for a congregational picnic celebrating Rev. Kershner's 1st year anniversary!

## 2024 Summer Studies with Central

Central Presbyterian's 2024 Summer Series program will be focused on the climate crisis. Over the course of four Sundays in June and four in July, we will examine the climate crisis from a number of perspectives: theological, scientific, architectural and sociological, to name a few. We will also have open and honest discussions about our own culpability regarding the climate crisis, and we will jointly share ideas and practices that can help us to be part of the solution versus being part of the problem. This will class will take place in the OAC. Come, learn, and get equipped to take action to better care for the creation that God so loves. June dates are listed below.

June 16: Ryan Gravel

June 23: Chris Sciarrone & Michael Chanin

July 7: Dr. Amy Spring

July 14: Mary Lillian Walker & Ginger Heidbreder

July 21: Susan Landrum & Robert Catterall

July 28: Dr. Mark Douglas

## We Want to Hear from You!

We want to hear from you! Do you have photos from a Central event or gathering to share? Please send them to us so we can share to the congregation and community. Our deadline for each week's e-newsletter is Monday at noon. Contact [mwmaguire@cpatlanta.org](mailto:mwmaguire@cpatlanta.org)



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