



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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 18, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Come Unto Me, Little Children, William H. Johnson*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*  
Mason Copeland, Organ

Wilbur Held

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 worshipping God.*

✦ Call to Worship

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**For you uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down.**

All look to you; you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

We lift our hearts and hands in thanks to you.

✦ Hymn 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

✦ Call to Confession

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, you satisfy our hungry hearts with the gift of your bread of life. And yet we confess that we spend much of our lives chasing things that do not satisfy us. We get lost in the wilderness of our own desires. We scarcely recognize that we hunger and thirst for more fulfilling purposes. You offer us yourself, and we pull back in fear. Forgive us, O God. Transform our shallowness. Heal our brokenness. And then fill us so full of your Spirit that we cannot help but live as new creations. It is in the name of Jesus Christ, the bread of life, that we pray....** *(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 441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

**Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
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 hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Daniel Figueroa

First Lesson

Psalm 111

Second Lesson

John 6:51-58

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

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

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 652

*A Grateful Heart*

ROCKINGHAM

The Sacrament of Baptism

Milo Charles Richards, child of Michael and Kristin Richards

Hymn 306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
verses 1, 2 and 5

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and  
perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

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

Susan Landrum

Music at the Offertory

*How Beautiful*  
Thom Dixon, soloist; Mason Copeland, piano

Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

✠ 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

Prayers of the People and 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.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*Partita on Alles ist an Gottes Segen*  
Mason Copeland, Organ

Flor Peeters

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## Special Participants in Today's Worship

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Lector: Daniel Figueroa  
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Becky Battle  
Philip Covin  
Liz Burkhardt  
Sandy Hoke  
Linda Massengill  
Chris Sciarrone

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