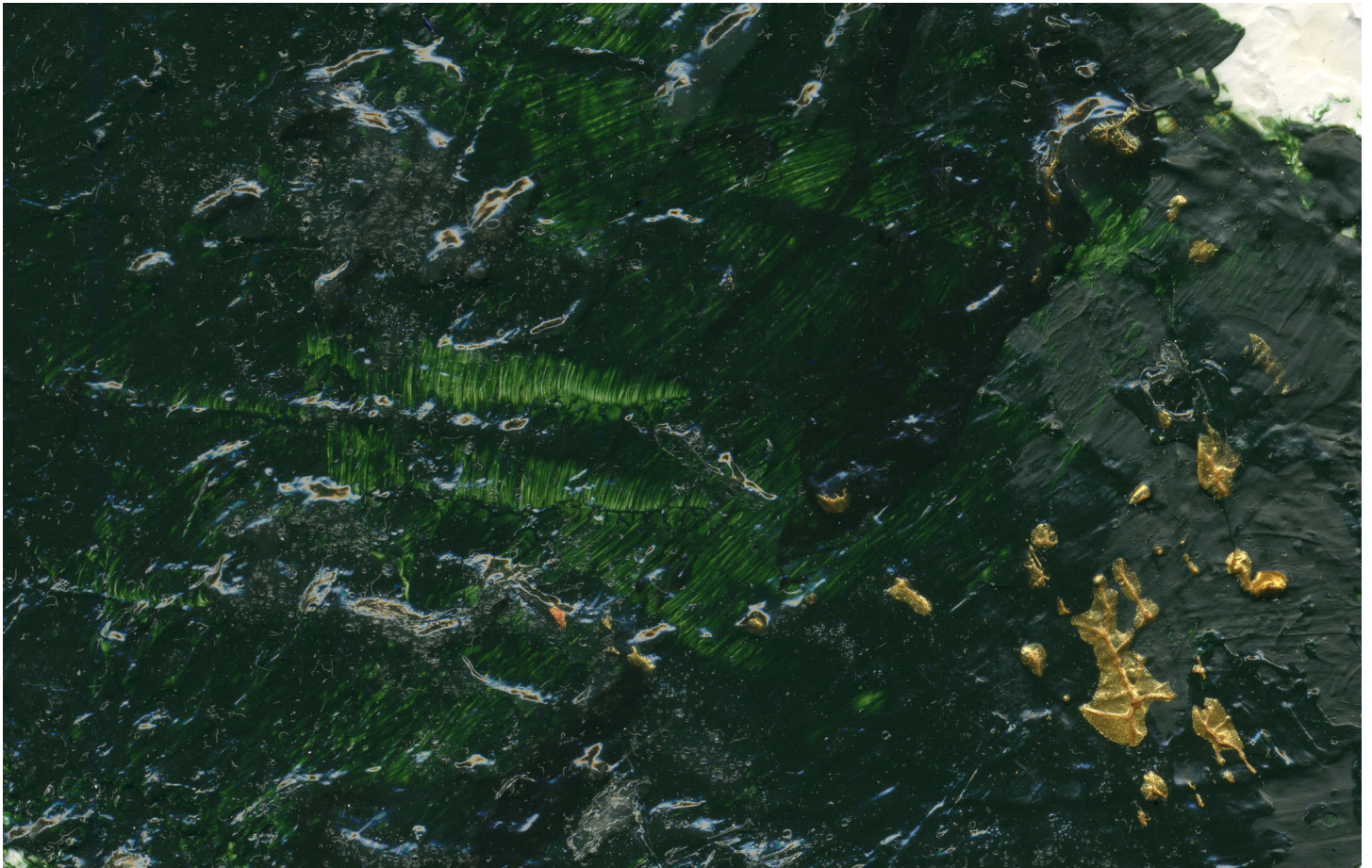




Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



I Will Bless Her, Jan Richardson

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Andante in D Major
Mason Copeland, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

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 Susan Landrum
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth.
We serve God with gladness!
Know that the Lord is God.
It is God who made us, and we are God's!
Give thanks to God; bless God's name.
God's steadfast love endures forever!

✠ Hymn 37 MCKEE
In Christ There Is No East or West

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

From the Iona Community

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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**To the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love...
(*Silent Confession*) **Amen.**

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

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.**

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

Susan Landrum & Naomi McQuiller

Prayer for Illumination

Bessie Green

First Lesson

Psalm 100

Second Lesson

Genesis 18:1-18

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Kate Culver

CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Liturgy of Receiving New Members

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Offertory Sentence

Anthem

Give Alms of Thy Goods
Chancel Choir

Christopher Tye

✠ 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

Rev. Kate Culver

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.

It is truly right ... as we join our voices together will all your saints singing

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

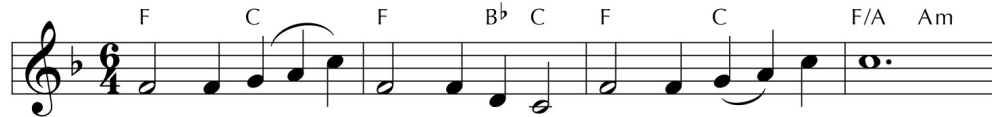


full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith!

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



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

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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Choral Benediction

The Peace of the Earth Be With You
Chancel Choir

John L. Bell

Postlude

Fugue in G Major
Mason Copeland, organ

J. S. Bach

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Bessie Green
Tower Bell Ringer: Chantal Tusher
Choir Guild Member: Marcia Hunter
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

Cup and Bread Bearers

Leland Jefferson
Quinlyn Jefferson

Hospitality Team

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

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



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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

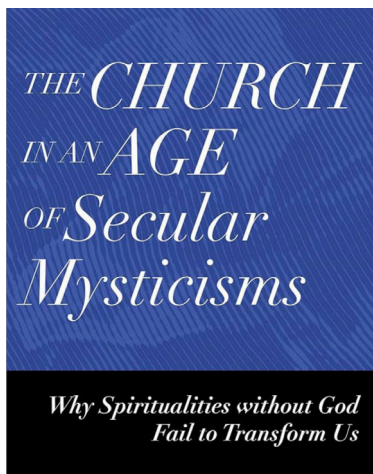
Issues in Theology

Greene Room
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

This class will pick back up on its discussion of Andrew Root's "The Church in an Age of Secular Mysticism." Following a few weeks exploring that topic, the class will announce an updated curriculum.

The Issues in Theology Class meets in the Greene Room, off of Tull Hall. Class co-conveners are Tina Sizemore (tinasizemore@bellsouth.net) and Rod Hunter (rhunter02@emory.edu).

Scan the QR code to learn more about the book.



Sojourners Class

Brotherhood Room
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

The Sojourners class will return to the brief but powerful essays on Jesus' life and teachings found in Debie Thomas' book, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ*. Thomas focuses particularly on teachings of Jesus and events in the life of Jesus that present challenges in understanding and interpretation, and she acknowledges these challenges and provides her own refreshingly candid thoughts and associated questions for consideration. The "Wonders" and "Teachings" sections of the book have provided a basis for rich discussion in past class sessions. This fall, the class will turn its attention to Thomas' essays in the category that she calls "Mysteries," covering Jesus' washing of the Disciples' feet, the crucifixion, the empty tomb, and more. Join us for conversations about Jesus' life and teachings that perhaps will be different from many you've had before. The Sojourners Class meets in the Brotherhood Room, off of Tull Hall. The class convener is Ed Carwile (carwile1230@earthlink.net).

October 20 Combined Class

On October 20, there will be a special combined adult Sunday morning class which will be led by Rev. Nibs Stroupe, former (and longtime) pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church. Nibs' session will be based on his recently published

book, "She Made a Way: Mother and Me in a Deep South World," a story of overcoming a cultural mindset suffused with white-supremacy. Central member John Blake, who wrote the forward for Nibs' book, will also participate in this session. Come and learn about positive personal change happening under difficult circumstances. The meeting location at Central for this class session will be announced at a later time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5 • 7 to 9 p.m.



GROOVE WITH CENTRAL

Join Central friends as we enjoy a cool night of jazz by the Trent Patten Trio in the plaza located between Central and City Hall. Bring a chair, picnic basket, and prepare to enjoy a night under the stars with music and friends



Check the e-weekly for updates on these and more events in the life of our church.

SEPTEMBER 14

Central will have a table to participate in the Mary Ruth Weir Celebration and Annual Awards Ceremony held at Ebenezer Baptist Church by Georgians for Alternatives for the Death Penalty.



**Georgians For Alternatives
to the Death Penalty**



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SEPTEMBER 29

Young Adult Lunch 12 to 2:30 p.m.



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