

This Week at Central

January 26 - February 2, 2025

**Sunday, January 26**  
 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
 Youth Sunday School  
 Winter Studies 2025  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. Young Adult Lunch

**Monday, January 27**  
 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

**Tuesday, January 28**  
 8:00 a.m. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Advocacy Day  
 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)  
 3:30 p.m. Endowment Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. Bookworms

**Wednesday, January 29**  
 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)  
 10:00 a.m. GA Water Coalition Advocacy Meeting

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. Foot Clinic  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 30**  
 8:00 a.m. Environmental Justice Day at the Capitol  
 10:00 a.m. Environmental Georgia Meeting  
 11:15 a.m. OAC with GSU

**Friday, January 31**  
 10:00 a.m. Cookies, Cocoa & Crafts at OAC

**Sunday, February 2**  
 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens  
 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
 Youth Sunday School  
 Winter Studies 2025  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (Communion)  
 12:00 p.m. Congregational Lunch

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Robbie Ashe  
 Liturgist: Rev. Chip Blankinship  
 Tower Bell Ringer: Chantal Tusher  
 Deacon of the Day: Debbie Miller  
 Dean Hammond, Volunteer  
 Technology Director

Hospitality Team  
 Beth Grashof  
 Ben Evans  
 Bettie Hardin  
 Kathy Harben  
 Rachel Hull  
 Mike Sizemore

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
 The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor  
 Susan Landrum, Director of Children & Youth  
 Thom Dixon, Director of Music & Worship Arts  
 Mason Copeland, Organist & Music Associate  
 Kristie Johns, Business Administrator  
 Mark Wallace Maguire, Director of Communications  
 Melissa Johnson, Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator  
 John White, Facilities Manager  
 Abraha Diedre, Custodian  
 Karen Brown, Pianist, Bethlehem & Jerusalem Choir  
 Naomi McQuiller, Children & Youth Intern  
 Thomas Chafin, Music Intern  
 Kelly Grba, Music Intern  
 Josh Smith, Audio Engineer  
 Jamel Morris-Barclay, Audio Assistant  
 Dorran Nickerson, Video Assistant  
 Hala Hess White, Communications Associate

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
 Sunday, January 26, 2025  
 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Hope and Fear, Werner Drewes

## Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* J.S. Bach  
Mason Copeland, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Kate Culver

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 Rev. Chip Blankinship  
God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.  
**God calls us to be builders as well.**  
God calls us to build our lives:  
**to restore broken places and continue to grow.**  
God calls us to build our faith:  
**to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**  
God calls us to build our community:  
**to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**  
God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:  
**to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

✠ Hymn #395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust... (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 #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

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

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination Robbie Ashe

First Lesson Psalm 19

Second Lesson Luke 4:14-21 Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

## Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn #772 *Live into Hope* TRURO

✠ Affirmation of Faith Susan Landrum  
ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.15  
**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God  
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine 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 men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *O Love of God, How Strong and True* arr. Howard Helvey  
Kelly Grba, soloist, Mason Copeland, piano

✠ 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 Susan Landrum

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
FROM A NEW MONASTIC HANDBOOK  
**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother  
May your love be enacted in the world.  
May your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For all that we do in your love,  
and all that your love brings to birth,  
and the fullness of love that will be  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn #300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Kate Culver

Postlude *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures  
de la Cathédrale de Soissons* Maurice Durulfe  
Mason Copeland, organ

## Congregational Meeting called for February 9

**A Congregational Meeting has been called on February 9** following worship to vote on terms of call and to elect the 2025 Nominating Committee. The meeting will not be livestreamed.

This year, the Nominating Committee is being chaired by LaShawn Green and Adam Seeley. The primary task of the committee is to discern the next class of spiritual leaders for CPC by bringing to the congregation a slate of ruling elders and deacons.

Today, January 26 is the deadline to nominate yourself or another member to the Nominating Committee. We want the committee itself to represent a wide variety of experience, backgrounds, and voices so we can make sure we are listening as broadly as possible to what God hopes for us. PLEASE consider either nominating yourself or someone else for this important function of our ministry.

You can nominate someone by sending an email to [skershner@cpatlanta.org](mailto:skershner@cpatlanta.org), filling out a nominating card in the pew racks, scanning the QR code



**THE NURSERY IS OPEN: Come Little Children!** Central has resumed its nursery for children ages 3 months to four-years-old during our Sunday School and worship hours (9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday). Children are always welcome in our sanctuary, but for those parents or caregivers who prefer their little ones to be in a bright, safe, playful environment, please join us in the nursery!

**The Rev. Shannon Kershner** is not in worship because she is at a Board of Trustees meeting for Princeton Theological Seminary. She appreciates this congregation's encouragement to serve the Church at large.

**The Bashor Night Shelter needs a meal in March.** This ecumenical ministry of hospitality to our homeless brothers has operated since 1980, providing nightly meals and a safe warm place to sleep. The Mission Committee is seeking Central groups to serve dinner for 70 men on Wednesday, March 19. If your group is interested or if you have questions about the details, please contact Chris Sciarrone at [sciarrone.chris@gmail.com](mailto:sciarrone.chris@gmail.com) or 404-966-0380.