



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY

February 9, 2025

Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*"Everyone has a place at the table, even if you aren't perfect." -
By Sam Sutton & Marshall Dake*

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Guy Palmer, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner & Elizabeth Amos

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.

Choral Introit

We're Gonna Shine
Central Children's Choir
Kelly Grba, conductor; Karen Brown, piano

Stuart Stotts and Tom Peas

✠ Call to Worship

Aubrey Johnson

Jesus loves us!

We shall rejoice!

We are all different;

And we all love our God!

We care for God's creation;

Let our lights shine and love one another!

✠ Hymn

Summoned By the God Who Made Us

NETTLETON

**Summoned by the God who made us, rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus, richer still in unity.**

Refrain:

**Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid,
varied ways, sing a new church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.**

**Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light,
ev'ry person in God's image, ev'ry person, God's delight.**

Refrain

**Trust the goodness of Creation; trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised;
sprung from seed of what has been.**

Refrain

**Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation; bring the art of ev'ry race.
Weave a song of peace and justice; let it sound through time and space.**

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

Refrain

**Draw together at one table all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free.**

Refrain

✠ Call to Confession

Susannah & Caroline Tusher

✠ Prayer of Confession

God of love, we acknowledge that we still have so much to learn. We confess that despite your unending and extravagant grace, we find ourselves amid messy moments, saying unkind words, and not doing justice or showing kindness. Forgive us, God, when we fail to show mercy to our neighbors. Forgive us when we lack patience. Forgive us for the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more ... (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Tyler Bliss

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**

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Adults

Bruno Palmer & Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Guy Palmer

First Lesson

Psalm 119:137-144

Brianna Stewart

Second Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Rev. Shannon Kershner &
Gabby Szymanski

Sermon

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner, Ellie Harbert & Charlie Wood

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.**

Chorus:

**And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table —
and all those between, beyond, and besides;
expanding our world, dismantling power,
each valued for what their voice can provide.**

Chorus

**For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the table,
Invited to wed, to baptize and preach,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for queer, trans, and ace, God's justice in reach.**

Chorus

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.**

Chorus

**For bodies diverse, a place at the table,
All manner of speech and movement and minds;
Enabled to lead and teach us new language,
For bodies diverse, a church redesigned.**

Chorus

**For just and unjust, a place at the table,
a chance to repent, reform, and rebuild,
protecting the wronged, without shame or pressure,
for just and unjust, God's vision fulfilled.**

Chorus

**For everyone born, a place at the table
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.**

Chorus

✠ Affirmation of Faith Marshall Dake
FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offertory Sentence Julia Ashe

Music at the Offertory arr. Keveren
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Karen Brown, 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 Julia Ashe

Prayers of the People adapted from the Iona Community and The Lord's Prayer Izzy Wood & Oscar Ashe
TRADITIONAL
**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 *Sing a New World Into Being* HYMN TO JOY

Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme. Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream: dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being where each gender, class and race brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace; where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind. Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home; where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom; where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease. Sing a new world into being; raise the harmonies of peace.

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon Kershner & Beth Szymanski

Postlude

Bruno Palmer

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul
Deacon of the Day: Ed Galloway
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Martha Haythorn
Kathy Kohn
Norm Kohn
Kathy McCloud
Cameron Dake
Elliott Hackshaw

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Kelly Grba, Music Intern
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THANK YOU!

We are so grateful for the adults that helped us prepare for this Sunday including: Lucy Baum, Melanie Bliss, Ted Brothers, Karen Brown, Rob Forbes, Kelly Grba, Gayle Knight, Hannah Kershner, Shannon Kershner, Naomi McQuiller, Anne Sciaronne and Mary Lillian Walker.

- *Susan Landrum*

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Announcements

Issues in Theology: Shakespeare and Theology

Sundays, February, 16, 23, and March 23
Greene Room
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

This series involves discussion of three plays with the following themes:

“Hamlet”: The World as Unweeded Garden or Place of Providence

“Measure for Measure”: Public Health and Social Justice

“The Tempest”: Revenge vs. Forgiveness

The class began on February 9 and continues with “Hamlet” on February 16 and 23. The class will then break to join Rev. Kershner’s series on “Reformed Confessions,” on March 2, 9 and 16. The class will pick back up with the other two plays starting March 23. Discussion class led by Tina Sizemore and actress Kessler Catterall.

Class location: the Greene (off of Tull Hall). Questions? Contact Tina Sizemore (tinasizemore@bell-south.net).

February 12 is GFADP Day at the Capitol

Join your voice with other Georgians who oppose the death penalty on February 12 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. This day gives our community the chance to connect directly with state leaders. This day is a great opportunity for both new advocates and seasoned ones to have a real impact on our state’s law to protect those with Intellectual Disabilities from death sentencing and executions.

Check the weekly e-news for details!

Book of Confessions - Our Family Photo Album

Sundays, March 2, 9, 16
The Parlor
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Do you think the Book of Confessions is boring? Did you know we often contradict ourselves? In this special series, taught by Central’s Senior Pastor Shannon Kershner, you will discover the family features that are in each confession, and you will learn why this theological work continues to inform who we are as Church. This series will be taught on March 2, 9 and 16.

Class location: The Parlor (off of Tull Hall). Questions? Contact Shanon Kershner (skershner@cpcatlanta.org).

Central Bible Study: The Gospel of John

Begins Sunday, March 23
The Parlor
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Central Bible Study, a new adult Sunday morning class, will meet for the first time on March 23. Central Bible Study will be a traditional Bible study class - what some would describe as “close examination of Scripture.” The verse-by-verse approach will mean that we’ll often cover, in a given class session, just one chapter of the Scripture book of interest. We’ll use the NRSV translation of the Bible. The approach to Scriptural analysis will be critical in nature, and we’ll engage in Scriptural interpretation that reflects our Reformed theology. The first book of the Bible that will be explored by the Central Bible Study class will be the Gospel of John.

Class location: The Parlor (off of Tull Hall). Questions? Contact Susan Landrum at slandrum@

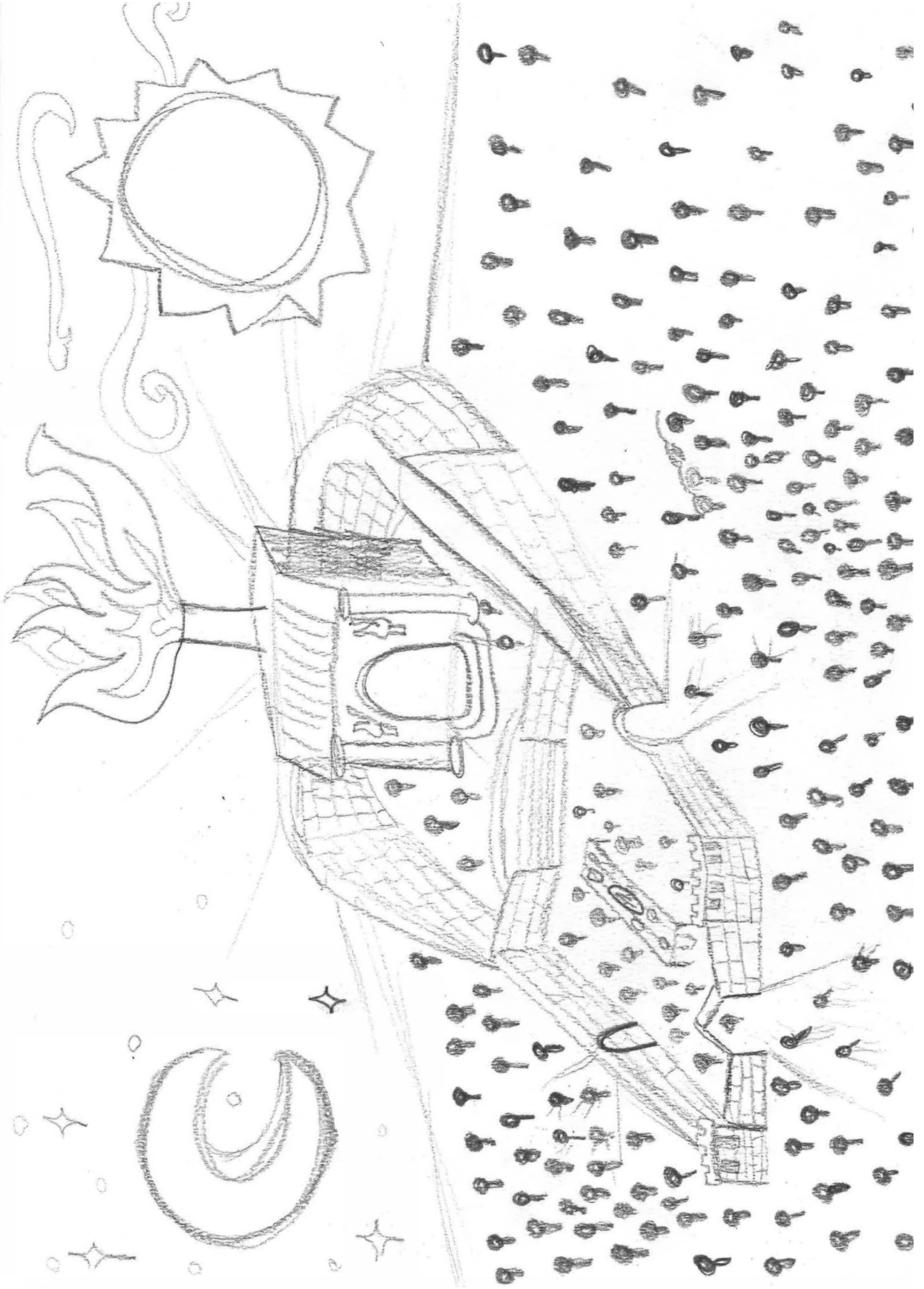


Table & Temple, by Bruno Palmer