



The Weekly News

March 26, 2025

Wear your walking shoes to church this Sunday to walk afterwards with the OAC!

Central Outreach and Advocacy Center's important fundraiser, In Their Shoes 10 Mile Challenge, is this Sunday, March 30 immediately following worship!

Feel free to don your comfortable footwear to worship and to walk afterwards.

If you haven't already, sign up today to make a difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness.

Use the button below to register for the walk or to make a donation and join us in creating pathways to stability and hope!



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OR DONATE](#)

Nominations for Deacons and Ruling Elders close this Sunday

Electing Deacons and Ruling Elders is a privilege and a responsibility for members of Central Presbyterian Church. This is an exciting



time to participate in the leadership of our church. The Nominating Committee, led by Chair LaShawn Green and Vice Chair Adam Seeley, welcome your recommendations. Please reflect and pray about those whom you think God is calling to the next class of Ruling Elders and Deacons. And yes, you may also nominate yourself!

Click the button for the online nomination form. Nomination forms can also be found in the pews. Nominations close on Sunday, March 30.

Nominations for Deacons & Ruling Elders



Scan the QR Code or visit Realm for more details

Central and other churches, groups and organizations are gathering Saturday, April 5 for the National Day of Protest March which begins at Piedmont Park at 1:30 p.m. and will continue south to the State Capitol when it concludes at 3 p.m.

Central members will not only be participating in the march, but will also serve as a place for *hospitality* while protesters gather at the Capitol.

The march is to show our solidarity against President Trump and DOGE and their efforts to cut our critical services, including Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and preserve the rights of immigrants, veterans, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Central has multiple ways in which you can participate.

- Central will be marching in the protest. You can gather at the church at 10 a.m. to decorate signs for the march and to hang on our fence on Washington Street that faces the Capitol.
- Central members can travel as a group via MARTA to Piedmont Park after noon to gather and walk together.

Other Central members can stay at Central and set up stations to distribute water bottles and offer hospitality for a place to rest in our courtyard. Central will be open throughout the day until 4:30 p.m.

Please register via the link below or scan the QR code above to sign up for this event.

Register for the March

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Congregational
Lunch
following worship.

Enjoy good food
and good company!



APRIL

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Palm Sunday

Join us in the
Courtyard before
we parade around
the block with our
friends at
Trinity UMC and
The Shrine



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2 p.m.

Georgia Tech Chamber Choir Concert

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Easter Egg Hunt for Children & Youth at
Mary Lillian Walker's home.

Stay tuned for details!

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7 p.m.

at Morningside Presbyterian
Church

with Morningside &
Covenant Presbyterian Churches

EASTER SUNDAY



APRIL

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BREAKFAST
FOR ALL IN
TULL FELLOWSHIP
HALL
BEFORE WORSHIP!

Sanctuary Flower Fund

During Lent, the pedestals in our sanctuary hold curly willow stems to remind us of the solemn and contemplative nature of the season. As we look toward Easter and the return of flowers to the sanctuary, we'll have the opportunity to contribute to the Sanctuary Flower Fund. These gifts will enable us to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary on Easter, as well on communion Sundays and other special occasions.



To have your name included in the Easter bulletin, please make your gift no later than Monday, April 14. Click the button below to complete the contribution form. If you prefer to pay by check, you can drop it in the offering plate, place a check in Kristie Johns' folder in the church office, or mail a check to 201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please include "flowers" on the memo line of the check.

[Flower Fund](#)

Want to Take Action?

*This is a new feature in our weekly update. This update comes from Central member
Rachael Szymanski*

Almost 20 percent of Americans would be negatively affected by Medicaid cuts, including elderly adults, low-income families, children, and people with disabilities.

Reach out to your congress members. Click the button below for help sending a message to Congress and tell them to protect our communities and save Medicaid.

Send a Message to Congress

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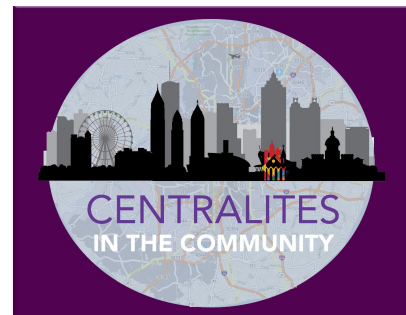
Your prayers and outreach to your state senators are welcome to help those trying to end the death penalty for intellectually disabled people. Senate bill HB 123 is in the Judicial Committee awaiting a vote on whether to send it to the full chamber.



National Black Presbyterian Caucus Atlanta Chapter meets this Saturday

Central member and President of the Greater Atlanta Chapter of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus Lauren Fields invites you to join her at the March meeting of the chapter for important discussions and planning for the future.

Saturday, March 29
10 a.m.
Westhills Presbyterian Church
2600 Fairburn Road, Atlanta, GA 30331



Hybrid Option Available (Join via Zoom)

For those who are unable to attend in person, there is a virtual option. You can join us via Zoom using the link below:

[**Greater Atlanta NBPC Zoom**](#)

Meeting ID: 838 7755 8821 Passcode: 005401

GIVE

You may give to Central online using this QR code or by



going to cpcatlanta.org.

DEADLINE REMINDER: As a reminder, our deadlines for the Wednesday e-weekly is Monday at noon. If you have an announcement, please email Hala Hess White at hhwhite@cpcatlanta.org

Connect

Thirsty Thursdays
Thursday, March 27
7 p.m.
Manuel's Tavern

Central members meet monthly (the fourth Thursday of the month) 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.

Questions? Contact **M.E. Davis** at maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com

Sip & Paint - Cancelled
Saturday, April 5

Because of the National Day of Protest March on April 5,(see above) the Sip & Paint scheduled for that day has been cancelled and hopefully will be reset at a later time.

Serve

Sunday Sign-Ups for collecting friendship pads

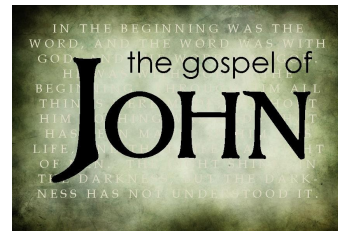
We still need assistance collecting friendship pads each week. Collection of the friendship folders is an excellent family activity! Please note the need to move easily in both the sanctuary and balcony. You may sign up by clicking [**this link**](#).

Worship

Sunday, March 30, 2025
Psalm 32 + Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

Learn

Central Bible Study: The Gospel of John **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).

Issues in Theology: Shakespeare and Theology **Sunday, March 30** **Greene Room** **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**



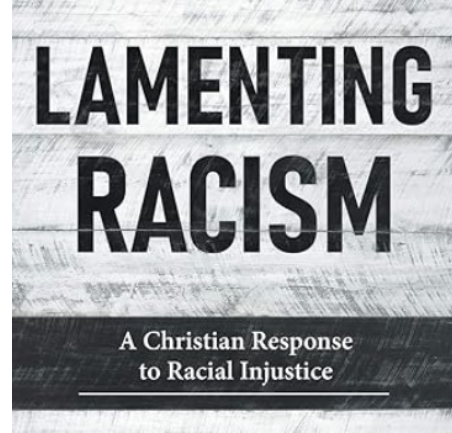
The second week of a three-week look at "*Measure for Measure*" is this Sunday with *Public Health and Social Justice*. After a break for Palm Sunday and Easter, the group will study "*The Tempest*": *Revenge vs. Forgiveness* for three weeks, and finally on May 18 turn our attention to selected Sonnets.

Questions? Please contact Tina Sizemore (tinasizemore@bellsouth.net) or Rod Hunter (rhunt02@emory.edu).

Lamenting Racism **Sunday, March 30** **Brotherhood Room** **9:45 to 10:45 a.m.**

You are invited to join us for a 6-week pop-up Sunday School class starting during Lent called *Lamenting Racism: A Christian Response to Racial Injustice*.

Here is how the course is described: In *Lamenting Racism*, a team of leading pastors and theologians invite us into the transformative and motivating practice of biblical lament as a powerful way to confront racism. Through their conversations in six thought-provoking videos, they name that God's people of every race are called to consider how we have been shaped and formed by race, and they guide us into experiencing lament as an anti-racism practice.



Encouraging congregations to reclaim the lost art of biblical lament, these pastors and theologians model a powerful way to pour out the fear, shame, grief, and rage of racism as we cry out to God in prayer. In the process, we will be transformed and motivated to reclaim hope and to act for a world shaped by God's inclusive vision of love and blessing.

We will gather during the Sunday School hour to watch a short video for the first 10-15 minutes and then have plenty of time for discussion and reflection. Our sessions continue April 6, April 27, May 4 and May 11, in the Brotherhood Room.

As a Matthew 25 church, Central has committed to dismantling systemic racism in our midst. With this short series, we have an opportunity as a congregation to name and lament racism and its impact as well as take new steps to live out our commitment to antiracism.

Contact M.E. Davis at maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com or 404-630-2678 with any questions.

Give

Humanitarian Response in Israel/Palestine

We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This humanitarian crisis is dire, and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (USA) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics, or nationality.

Click this link to give to Disaster Relief for Israel/Palestine (please note Middle East in the Disaster Supported box).

You can also click here to read more.

If you have any difficulty logging in to your profile or making your online gift within Realm, please contact **Melissa Johnson**.

Questions about your giving statement? Please contact **Kristie Johns** at (404) 601-3128.

Acting boldly and compassionately to serve
people who are hungry, oppressed,
imprisoned or poor.



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