



The Weekly News

April 2, 2025



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Central and other churches, groups and organizations are gathering this 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 in supporting 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

Share your story on Saturday!

Are you joining us this Saturday—whether at the church or as part of the march? We'd love to see your perspective!



- Post your photos and videos on Facebook or Instagram and tag Central Presbyterian Church.
- Use the hashtags #CentrallsLove #LovelsCentral #CentralPresbyterianChurch #HandsOff2025.
- You can also send your media directly to Central Communications Director Mark Wallace Maguire at mwmaguire@cpcatlanta.org. Maguire will be at the church capturing moments and can incorporate your content into a special video!

Let's come together, share our experiences, and amplify our message!

If you're visiting the church campus on Saturday, please plan for potential delays due to multiple events in the area. Oakland Cemetery will be hosting events from noon to 5 p.m., and the Atlanta Hawks game at State Farm Arena tips off at 3 p.m. Expect increased traffic and allow extra travel time.



FOOT CLINIC
Bashor Night Shelter

*Blessed are the
foot washers!*

Martha Crenshaw would like to thank everyone who gave their time and effort to making the foot clinic at the Bashor Night Shelter a rousing success. We

held our last clinic last week and were fortunate to have enough volunteers for most nights but are always looking for more. Not all our volunteers attend Central, and the foot washers are of varied ages and different connections to the shelter.

I would like to mention the names of those who attend Central so you can ask them about their experience: Mary Jane Cornell, Ed Galloway, Beth Grashof, Adam Seeley and Marlene Zwier. A special shout out to Althea Brown who managed to find us a major source of shower shoes that lasted the entire season.

Also thanks to the congregation for their donations of flip flops and white socks. We will take a break until the fall and then ask for more.

AS A REMINDER: The parking garage closes at 1 p.m. on Sundays following worship. If you need it open later, please contact Melissa Johnson at mjohnson@cpclanta.org



UPDATE FROM CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We had a wonderful youth group this past Sunday focusing on God's call to do justice in our world and in our daily lives. As the congregation prepares to march and fling our church doors open on Saturday, here is a photo of our youth and their creative calls for justice! - *Susan Landrum*



Congregational Lunch this Sunday

Enjoy a meal with your church family this Sunday following worship. We will gather in Tull Fellowship Hall at noon. Note that the parking lot will remain open until 2 p.m. Please RSVP by clicking the button below:

RSVP for Lunch on Sunday

Palm Sunday

Join us as for our procession around the block
and then worship together

APRIL 13 BEGINNING AT 9:45 A.M.



2 p.m.

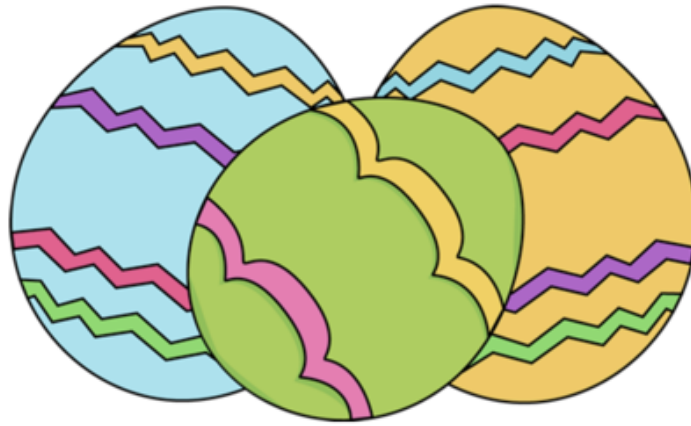
Georgia Tech Chamber Choir Concert



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

Stay tuned for details!

Please join us for the



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
EASTER EGG HUNT!**

Sunday April 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Home of Sean Smith and Mary Lillian Walker

3266 East Wood Valley Road Atlanta

Hunt begins promptly at 4:15
BYO Easter Basket
*Come one and all. We will have
the Masters on.*

RSVP
marylillian1031@gmail.com
or through Realm

**SAVE THE DATE:
MAUNDY THURSDAY is April 17**

As has been the Central tradition we will have in home worship with communion and share a meal and fellowship together on Maundy Thursday. Stay tuned for more information to sign up to participate by sharing a salad, side dish or dessert. There will be four homes this year in different locations around the metro area.



APRIL

18

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7 p.m.

at Morningside Presbyterian
Church

with Morningside &
Covenant Presbyterian Churches



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



Gardening for Hope

On Saturday, March 22 several members of the Mission Committee teamed with residents of the Hope House to do spring landscaping in the courtyard. Lee Carroll organized the effort and Brian Bishop brought a trailer load of materials. The courtyard was thoroughly cleaned then spruced up by adding new brick pavers to walkways, surrounding planters with granite blocks, adding fresh pine straw and mulch to flower beds and planting blooming pansies in visible locations. A number of residents came out to help and we enjoyed their fellowship.





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, April 24
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, April 6, 2025

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 + Luke 16:19-31

Following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke

The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

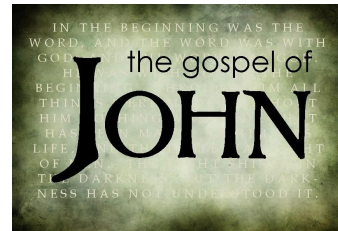
Learn

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, April 6

Greene Room

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Our final week looking 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, April 6
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*.

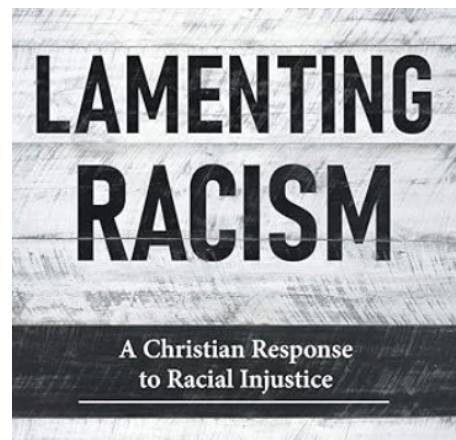
Here is how the course is described: In *Lamenting Racism*, a team of leading pastors and theologians invite us into the transformative and motivating practice of biblical lament as a powerful way to confront racism. Through their conversations in six thought-provoking videos, they name that God's people 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 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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