



The Weekly News

April 9, 2025

HOLY WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY

 **CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Palm Sunday

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and then worship together

APRIL 13 BEGINNING AT 9:45 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
at remote locations
Check Realm
for details



Good Friday

7 p.m. at Morningside
Presbyterian Church

Central Presbyterian, Covenant Presbyterian,
and Morningside Presbyterian churches

 **Easter**

April 20 at 11 a.m.

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Holy Week begins Sunday with Palm Sunday. We will meet together with our friends from The Shrine and Trinity UMC for our annual processional around the block with stops at each house of worship for a reading and song. Please join us in the Courtyard at 9:45 a.m. for this special occasion.

For those unable to attend, we plan to stream the processional live on our Facebook page.



SPRING
Chamber Choir
CONCERT

SUNDAY

13
APRIL
2025

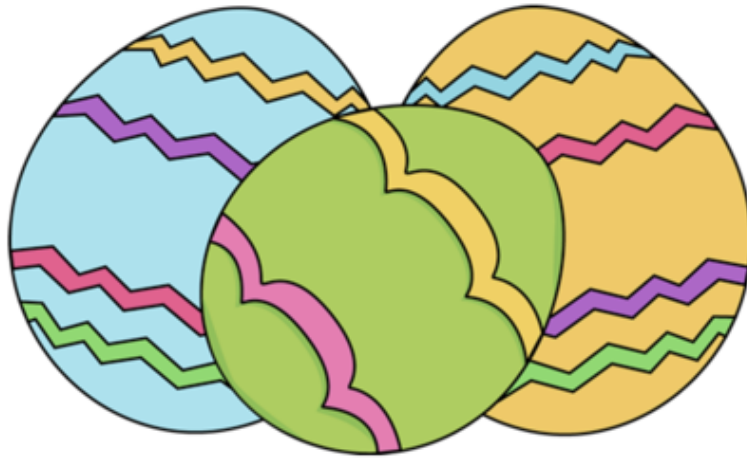
AT 2 PM

Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Come back to Central at 2 p.m. this Sunday for a concert by the Georgia Tech Chamber Choir! If you cannot attend in person, the concert will be live streamed.

Easter Egg Hunt takes place Sunday

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

Mark Maundy Thursday at a Member's Home



Maundy Thursday, April 17, will be celebrated at various homes throughout the city beginning at 6 p.m. Please use the buttons below to sign up for dinner and service at the home where you would like to attend.

Home of Robbie and Blake Ashe | 1336 Fairview Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30306

Home of John and Ginger Heidbreder | 4663 Village Ct., Dunwoody, GA 30338-5130

Home of Rev. Kate Culver | 141 Greenwood Pl, Decatur, GA 30030-3620

Home of Linda and Martin Lehfeltdt | 2329 Venetian Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30311-3309

APRIL
18

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7 p.m.
at Morningside Presbyterian
Church
with Morningside &
Covenant Presbyterian Churches

This year's Good Friday service will continue our tradition of observing this day with other churches. Please join us as we worship with Covenant and Morningside Presbyterian Churches. The service will begin at 7 p.m. at Morningside.



Make plans to join us on Easter! Our service will feature special music, including brass!

PLEASE NOTE: Note: We will not have Sunday School classes the next two Sundays. Details below in the Learn section.

Deadline Monday for 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

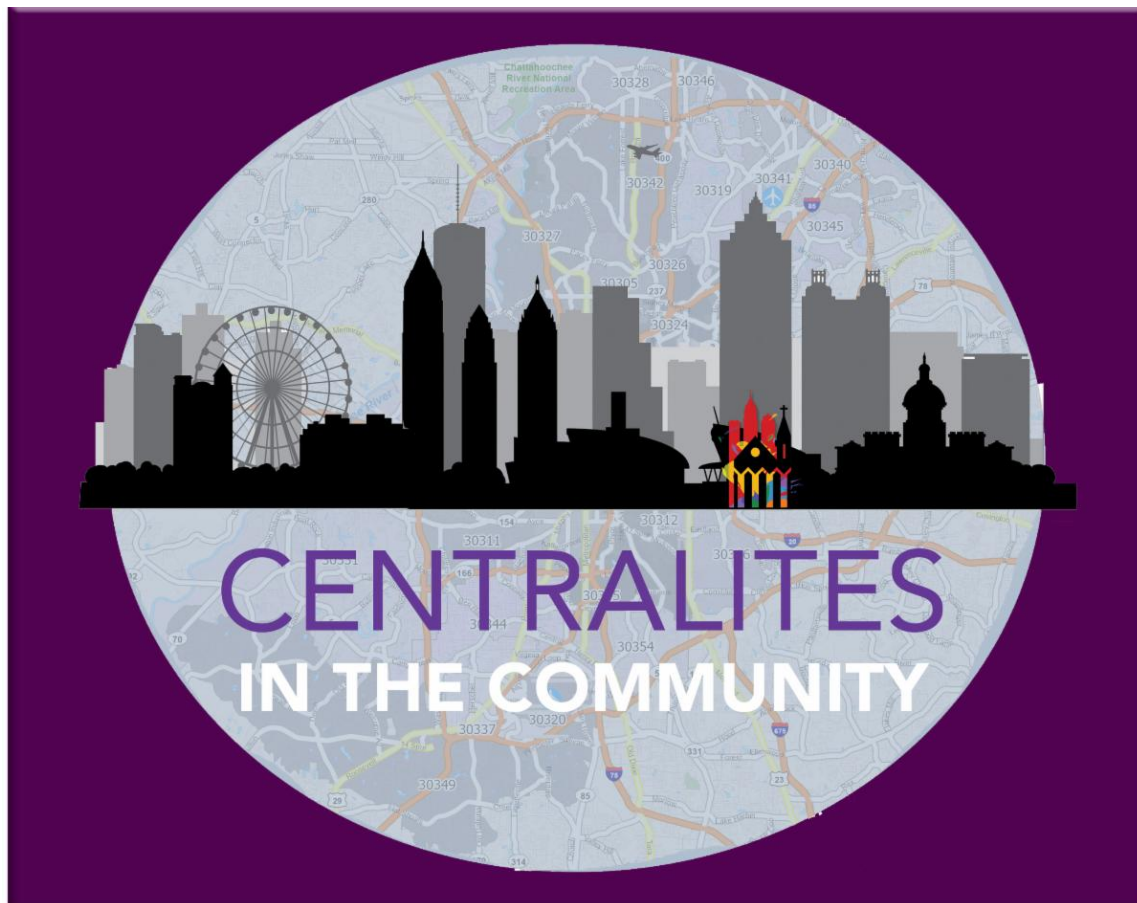
On Easter Sunday, Central will have flowers in the sanctuary. Following worship, the flower ministry is inviting members to the the sacristy to repurpose these flowers into small bouquets to be delivered to members who could not attend Sunday worship. Please join us! Small vases are being collected in the sacristy for the Flower Ministry to use for making small arrangements. Vases can be dropped off in the Sacristy.

Church offices will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Central in the City for the March!



Were you at Central this past Saturday as we distributed water and offered hospitality for our friends marching? It was a dynamic experience. We will have more photos and videos to share soon! If you have a photo or video to share, email Mark Wallace Maguire at mwwmaguire@cpcatlanta.org



Join Us and Be Central

at the Inman Park Festival

Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes takes place in one of Atlanta's oldest and most scenic neighborhoods. First developed in the late 1800s, Inman Park features an abundance of historic homes and several scenic parks. The Festival began in the early 1970's as a means to attract attention for revitalization efforts in the community.

You can find more information about the festival here: <https://festival.inmanpark.org/info/>



We want to have Centralites staff our booth (including youth and kids) to help spread the word about Central's mission and participate in our activities like face painting, arts and crafts, and/or games.

Volunteers needed:

- Saturday, April 26 between 11 am to 6 pm.
- Sunday, April 27 between 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Our booth number is #74 in the Community Corner on Edgewood and the site map is attached. It is sure to be a fun place - join us!

Contact Rev. Kate Culver for more questions.

[Click here to Sign Up](#)

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@cpcatlanta.org

**PARKING
LOT
Sunday Hours**

Reminder



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

Bookworms
Tuesday, April 22
7:30 p.m.
Home of Rod Hunter

At our April meeting, Central's book club, Bookworms, will discuss *They Flew: A History of the Impossible* by Carlos Eire. Rod Hunter will lead our conversation about this compelling history, which, according to Yale University Press, "explores how a culture increasingly devoted to scientific thinking grappled with events deemed impossible by its leading intellectuals. Eire observes how levitating saints and flying witches were as essential a component of early modern life as the religious turmoil of the age."

Join us at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 22, at the Hunters' home, #302 at 417 Clairemont Ave., Decatur, 30030, to discuss the intriguing challenge: "Much of our present incredulity about these levitation narratives, along with the relative ease with which we dismiss them, rests on the assumption that we are more intellectually mature than our forebears; that Western history has followed a simple trajectory from a medieval age of superstition and credulity, through the progressive stages of a disenchanting Protestant Reformation and a scientific revolution, to arrive at a rational and enlightened modernity" (Public Discourse, Feb. 18, 2024). Are we "too smart" for miracles to have meaning for us?

Questions? Contact [Linda McCord](#).

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 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6 + Luke 23:26-43

Following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke

The Rev. Shannon J. Kershner preaching

Learn

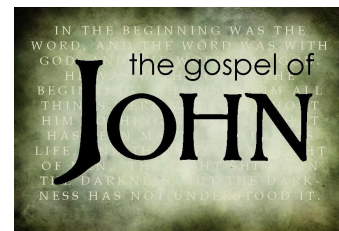
There will be no Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday or Easter Day. Classes resume Sunday, April 27.

Central Bible Study: The Gospel of John

Sunday, April 27

The Parlor

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.



Central Bible Study is 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 27

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*.

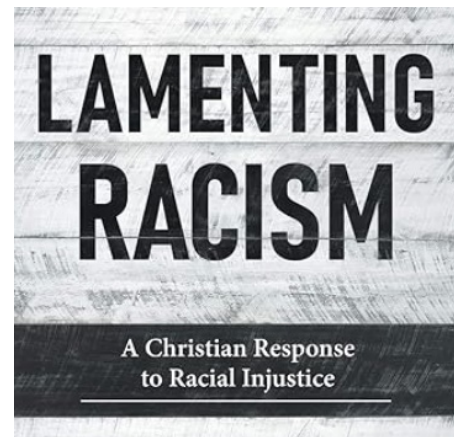
After a break for Palm Sunday and Easter, the group will study *"The Tempest": Revenge vs. Forgiveness* for three weeks, and finally on May 18 turn our attention to selected Sonnets.

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



Lamenting Racism
Sunday, April 27
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

One Great Hour of Sharing is Coming... What is it?

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a special offering opportunity from our denomination that Central will collect on Easter Sunday. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



One of the many forms of witness provided by this offering is the Self-Development of People. The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2023 National SDOP entered into partnership with numerous projects that focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges. An interactive map with OGHS recipients is at pcusa.org/oghsmap.

Won't you help make a difference? Contribute now by clicking [here](#). Envelopes will be in the pew pockets on Easter Sunday should you prefer to give in that way.

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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