

This Week at Central  
April 13 - April 20, 2025

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| <b>Palm Sunday, April 13</b>  | <b>Maundy Thursday, April 17</b>  |
| 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  | 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)   |
| 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens   | 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at:   |
| 9:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Processional (Courtyard)                                  | - The Lehfeltdt home  |
| 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary   | - The Heidbreder home   |
| 2:00 p.m. Georgia Tech Choir Concert (Sanctuary)                                | - Rev. Kate Culver's home   |
| 4:00 p.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Sean Smith & Mary Lillian Walker's home | - The Ashe home   |
| <b>Monday, April 14</b>   | <b>Good Friday, April 18</b>  |
| 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)                               | 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes   |
|   | 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at Morningside Presbyterian Church |
|   | 1411 North Morningside Dr. NE   |
|   | Atlanta, GA 30306   |
| <b>Tuesday, April 15</b>  | <b>Saturday, April 19</b>   |
| 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)   | Church Office Closed  |
| <b>Wednesday, April 16</b>  | <b>Easter Sunday, April 20</b>  |
| 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)                               | 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  |
| 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  | 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens   |
| 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal   | 10:00 a.m. Doughnuts and Coffee (Tull Hall)                                       |
|   | 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary   |

**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!

**GEORGIA TECH CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT.** The Chamber Choir is Georgia Tech’s premiere mixed vocal ensemble. Founded in 1998, the choir has established itself as one of the foremost college vocal ensembles in the Southern United States. The Chamber Choir also recently won the top prize in the First Annual Conference of Music and Architecture at the University of Texas-Austin. Join us this afternoon in the sanctuary at 2 p.m. to enjoy hearing this premiere chamber choir.

**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT.** Sean Smith and Mary Lillian Walker will host the Easter Egg Hunt at their home this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. The hunt will begin promptly at 4:15. Please go to Realm to RSVP or email Mary Lillian at marylillian1031@gmail.com.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY GATHERINGS.** On March 17, we’ll gather for in-home worship with communion, followed by a shared meal and time of fellowship for Maundy Thursday. It’s a wonderful opportunity to connect and share together! You should have received the SignUp Genius links through Realm and your Central emails. If you’d like to participate, sign up to bring a salad, appetizer, side dish, bread, or dessert. Our gracious hosts for the evening will be: Robbie & Blake Ashe; Rev. Kate Culver; John & Ginger Heidbreder; and Martin & Linda Lehfeltdt. We’re looking forward to a meaningful and joyful evening with you!

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE:** Join us on April 18 at 7 p.m. at Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 as we observe this special day with Morningside and Covenant Presbyterian Churches.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Join us this Easter Sunday for a special service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! There will be fellowship with donuts and coffee in Tull Hall at 10:00 a.m. Then we will be gathering at 11:00 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary and online via our livestream!

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Janet Abercrombie  
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul  
Deacon of the Day: Peg Richards  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer  
Technology Director

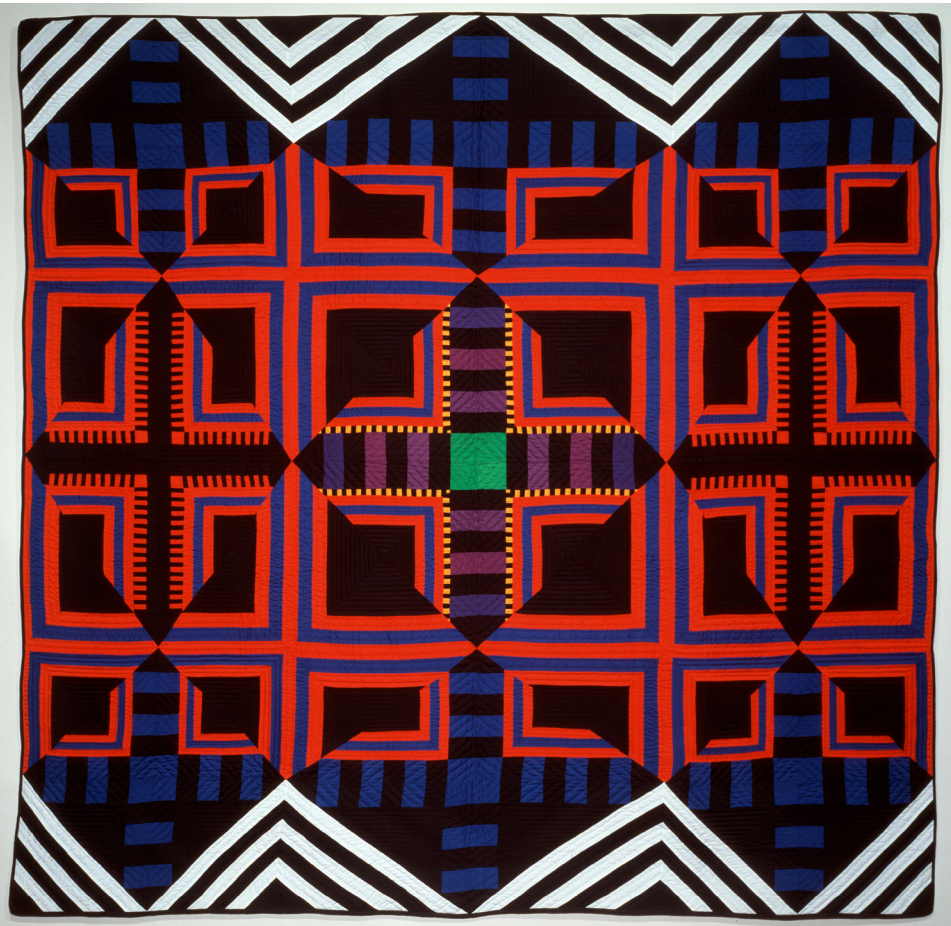
Hospitality Team:  
Beth Grashof  
Martha Haythorn  
Kathy Kohn  
Norm Kohn  
Kathy McCloud  
Isabelle Werber

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  
Sarah Anderson, Video Assistant  
Hala Hess White, Communications Associate



Palm/Passion Sunday  
April 13, 2025  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Crucifixion, Nancy Crow

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# Gathering Around the Word

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| Prelude                   | <i>Hosanna to the Son of David</i><br>Mason Copeland, organ | arr. Orlando Gibbons |
| Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Shannon J. Kershner                                    |                      |
| 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.*

## Liturgy of the Palms

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| ✠ Call to Worship   | Rev. Kate Culver |
| FROM A SANCTIFIED ART   |                  |
| On this day, Jesus marched<br><b>in between the city walls and the Temple,<br/>in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,<br/>in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,<br/>in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.</b><br>On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.<br><b>So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.<br/>May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.</b><br>Hosanna in the highest!<br><b>Hosanna in between!</b> |                  |

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| ✠ Processional Hymn 196 | <i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i> | VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN |
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| ✠ Call to Confession |
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| ✠ Litany of Confession  |
| FROM A SANCTIFIED ART   |
| Great Creator, forgive me<br><b>when I speak before listening,<br/>when I speak over my neighbor,<br/>when I speak with barbed words.</b><br>Creator God, forgive me<br><b>when I listen to society,<br/>when I listen to my friends,<br/>when I listen to the news,<br/>but I do not listen to you.</b><br>Creator God, forgive me<br><b>when I shout out, but do not shout your name,<br/>when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.<br/>Forgive me.</b><br>Create in me a heart like yours ... <i>(Silent Confession)</i> <b>Amen.</b> |

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| ✠ Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle |  |
| Hymn 579                                | <i>Kyrie</i><br>(Sing each line three times)                           |
|   | KYRIE ELEISON  |
|   | <b>Lord, have mercy.<br/>Christ, have mercy.<br/>Lord, have mercy.</b> |

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| ✠ Assurance of Pardon   |
| Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.<br><b>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!</b> |

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| ✠ Passing of the Peace |
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| ✠ Hymn 422 | <i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>  | CREATE IN ME (Capers) |
|            | <b>Create in me a clean heart, O God,<br/>and renew a right spirit within me.<br/>Cast me not away from your presence,<br/>and take not your Holy Spirit from me.<br/>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,<br/>and uphold me with your free Spirit.<br/>Create in me a clean heart, O God,<br/>and renew a right spirit within me.</b> |                       |

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

## Proclaiming the Word

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| A Time with Children    | Susan Landrum and Naomi McQuiller          |                          |  |
| Prayer for Illumination | Janet Abercrombie                          |                          |  |
| First Lesson            | Jeremiah 23:1-6                            |                          |  |
| Second Lesson           | Luke 23:26-43                              | Rev. Shannon J. Kershner |  |
| Sermon                  | Following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke |                          |  |

## Responding to the Word

### Liturgy of the Passion

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| ✠ Hymn 200   | <i>A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd</i> | CHRISTIAN LOVE |
| ✠ Affirmation of Faith   | Susan Landrum                            |                |
| THE APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)  |  |                |
| <b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.</b> |  |                |

Offertory Sentence

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| Music at the Offertory | <i>God So Loved The World</i>        | Carl Nygard, Jr. |
|                        | Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, organ |                  |

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.  
God so loved the world that everyone who would believe  
in His only Son would have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but God so loved the world that through his Son the world might be saved.  
God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.  
That all who would believe in Him would have everlasting life.

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| ✠ At the Presentation | <i>Doxology</i>   | OLD HUNDREDTH |
|                       | <b>Praise God throughout these forty days.<br/>Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.<br/>And praise the Spirit who imparts<br/>God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.</b> |               |

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| ✠ Prayer of Dedication   | Susan Landrum |
| Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  |               |
| TRADITIONAL  |               |
| <b>Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.<br/>Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread;<br/>and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;<br/>and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.<br/>For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.<br/>Amen.</b> |               |

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

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| ✠ Hymn 221               | <i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>                                | PASSION CHORALE |
| ✠ Charge and Benediction | Rev. Shannon J. Kershner   |                 |
| Postlude                 | <i>Improvisation on PASSION CHORALE</i><br>Mason Copeland, organ |                 |