

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.*

Music During Communion                      *Risen Today!*                      Dan Forrest  
Chancel Choir  
Chris Sciarrone, tambourine  
Karen Brown, piano  
Mason Copeland, organ

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✦ Hymn 246                      *Christ Is Alive!*                      TRURO  
✦ Charge and Benediction                      Rev. Shannon J. Kershner  
Postlude                      *Toccata from Symphony for Organ, No. 5*    Charles-Marie Widor  
Mason Copeland, organ

**WELCOME TO CENTRAL!** During your visit we hope you feel the presence of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we worship God together. Please fill out the Friendship Pads in the pews, especially if you are a visitor or have prayer concerns or life updates.

**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!

**BOOKWORMS.** Join us at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 22, at Rod and Ann Hunter's home, 417 Clairemont Ave. #302, Decatur, 30030, to discuss *They Flew: A History of the Impossible* by Carlos Eire. Rod Hunter will lead our conversation. Questions? Contact Linda McCord.

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS.** Central members will meet April 24 at 7 p.m. at Manuel’s Tavern for a time of informal fellowship. This 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.

**INMAN PARK FESTIVAL.** On Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27, Central will be participating in the Inman Park Festival & Tour of Homes that takes place in one of Atlanta’s oldest and most scenic neighborhoods. Central will be in booth #74 on Edgewood as a part of the Community Corner. We are hoping to have volunteers to help us spread the word about Central's ministry in Atlanta. You can find the SignUps on Realm or in your Central emails.

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: David York  
Tower Bell Ringer: Jason Bliss  
Deacon of the Day: David York  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer  
Technology Director

Musicians:  
Averil Taylor & Rocky Dodson, trumpets  
Emmanuel Dodson & Jordon Johnson, trombones  
Chris Sciarrone, tambourine  
Karen Brown, piano

Hospitality Team  
Beth Grashof  
Becky Battle  
Philip Covin  
Liz Burkhardt  
Sandy Hoke  
Linda Massengill  
Chris Sciarrone  
Ellen Thompson

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

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Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day  
April 20, 2025  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Mary Magdalene Questions the Angels in the Tomb, James Tissot



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude "Laetentur Coeli" Hans Leo Hassler,  
from *Sacri Concentus* arr. Craig Kaucher  
Averil Taylor & Rocky Dodson, trumpets  
Emmanuel Dodson & Jordon Johnson, trombones

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.

✠ Call to Worship Susan Landrum  
From A Sanctified Art  
My dear friends,  
we have known grief.  
We have known loss.  
We have known the long road, tired and winding.  
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.  
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.  
But today—  
**today we know hope.**  
Today we know life.  
**Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**  
Today we know that death does not have the last word.  
**Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**  
It is Easter.  
May hope find you.  
And may you know, deep in your bones,  
that today is a new day.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

✠ Processional Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
From A Sanctified Art  
**Forgive us, God,**  
**when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.**  
**Forgive us, God,**  
**when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.**  
**Forgive us, God,**  
**when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors. In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.**  
**Show us how to hold onto hope.**  
**Show us how to run toward you. Amen.... (Silent Confession) Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 587 *Alleluia* CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children Susan Landrum and Naomi McQuiller

Prayer for Illumination David York

First Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Lesson Luke 24:1-12 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon Following Jesus through the Gospel of Luke

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver  
FROM A SANCTIFIED ART  
In the dark before dawn,  
**we believe that God is alive.**  
In the midst of our grief,  
**we believe the Spirit is at work.**  
In the chaos of our broken world,  
**we believe that love is on the loose.**  
For no stone could keep God at bay,  
**and no violence could keep God’s love from us.**  
So today we sing,  
**Alleluia!**  
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,  
**hope lives.**  
Christ has died,  
**and Christ has also risen.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *The Earth Is Risen* Gwyneth Walker  
Chancel Choir  
Averil Taylor & Rocky Dodson, trumpets  
Emmanuel Dodson & Jordon Johnson, trombones  
Mason Copeland, organ

✠ 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

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**  
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.  
...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus Hymn 552 *Holy, Holy, Holy* LAND OF REST

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F<sup>#</sup>) (F<sup>#</sup>m) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith!

Memorial Acclamation Hymn 553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* LAND OF REST

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F<sup>#</sup>)(F<sup>#</sup>m)  
F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord’s Prayer  
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.**