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

n Risen Today!
Chancel Choir
Chris Sciarrone, tambourine
Karen Brown, piano
Mason Copeland, organ

Dan Forrest

TRURO

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Christ Is Alive!

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† Hymn 246

Postlude

† Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

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

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Give

You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at www.cpcatlanta.org or using the QR code.







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" from Sacri Concentus

Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Craig Kaucher

Averil Taylor & Rocky Dodson, trumpets Emmanuel Dodson & Jordon Johnson, trombones

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringing of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping 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



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 Second Lesson Isaiah 65:17-25 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

Rev. Kate Culver

Affirmation of Faith 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 Chancel Choir

Averil Taylor & Rocky Dodson, trumpets Emmanuel Dodson & Jordon Johnson, trombones

Mason Copeland, organ

† At the Presentation

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Gwyneth Walker

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



Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

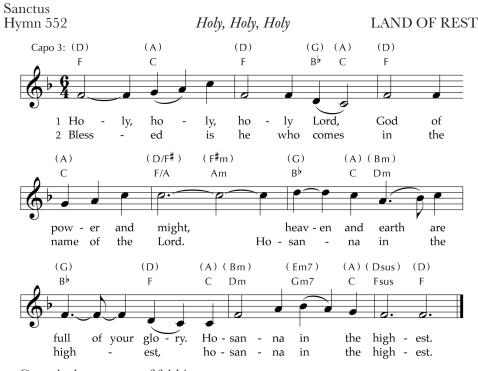
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

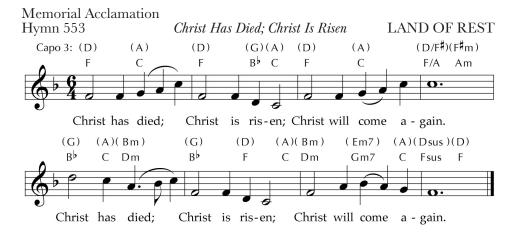
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.



... Great is the mystery of faith!



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.