

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!

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP. Join us for lunch in Tull Hall following worship. We will also be viewing and learning about the art of our talented member artist, Althea Brown.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Please join us for the congregational meeting that will occur on Sunday, May 11 immediately following worship. This meeting will be to elect new Elders and Deacons.

CENTRAL MEN COOK! Central Men, headed up by Oscar McCloud are planning a fundraiser where they serve lunch after church. The plan is May 18th after worship. Save the date and look for more information coming soon.

JULIE MURPHY AND JONATHAN VAN NESS IN CELEBRATION OF LET THEM STARE. Charis Books and More + Charis Circle will welcome Julie Murphy and Jonathan Van Ness in celebration of *Let Them Stare*, a big-hearted story about friendship, love—and discovering the secrets and beauty of your own hometown. This event will take place here at Central in our sanctuary on May 21. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the event will take place from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. You can use the QR code to sign up.



This Week at Central

May 4 - May 11, 2025

Sunday, May 4	Friday, May 9
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary	9:00 a.m. Our House Graduation Program
12:00 p.m. Congregational Lunch	Church Office closes at noon
2:30 p.m. Kristeen Sorrell's Student Recital (Rand Chapel)	Saturday, May 10
4:30 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Suite)	Church Office closed
Monday, May 5	Sunday, May 11
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
Tuesday, May 6	9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	9:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Zoom)	9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School Classes
Wednesday, May 7	Issues in Theology: Shakespeare and Theology (Greene Room)
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	Lamenting Racism (Brotherhood Room)
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	The Gospel of John (The Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Thursday, May 8	12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting to elect Elders and Deacons
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	
6:30 p.m. WMA Committee Meeting	
7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)	
Administration Committee (Zoom)	

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish
Lector: Jim Beaty
Tower Bell Ringer: Marci Bozeman
Deacon of the Day: Isabelle Werber
Dean Hammond, Volunteer
Technology Director

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Kevin Byers
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
Em McNair

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

Give

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



3rd Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Restored (*The Conversion of Saul*), Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Prealudium in G Major</i> Mason Copeland, organ	Nicolaus Bruhns
Welcome and Announcements		Susan Landrum
Ringling 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	Naomi McQuiller
We glorify you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up. O Lord, our God, we cried out to you, and you healed us. Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones, and praise God’s holy name. For God’s anger is but for a moment, but God’s favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. O God, you have turned our mourning into dancing! Let us worship God!	


✝️ Hymn 798	<i>All with Joyful Exultation</i>	YISRAEL V'ORAITA
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✝️ Call to Confession

✝️ Prayer of Confession
Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love—love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves ... <i>(Silent Confession)</i> Amen.

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

✝️ Passing of the Peace

✝️ Hymn 587	<i>Alleluia</i> (sing twice)	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	Jim Beaty
First Lesson	Revelation 5:11-14

Second Lesson Acts 9:1-6 Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✝️ Hymn 513	<i>This Is the Feast of Victory</i>	FESTIVAL CANTICLE
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✝️ Affirmation of Faith	Susan Landrum
ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.26 Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.	

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory	<i>Angels of Heaven</i>	arr. Kevin Siegfried
Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, piano		

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground;
Their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing:

Holy, Holy, holiness unto the Lord,
Love ye, love ye, love ye one another.

✝️ At the Presentation

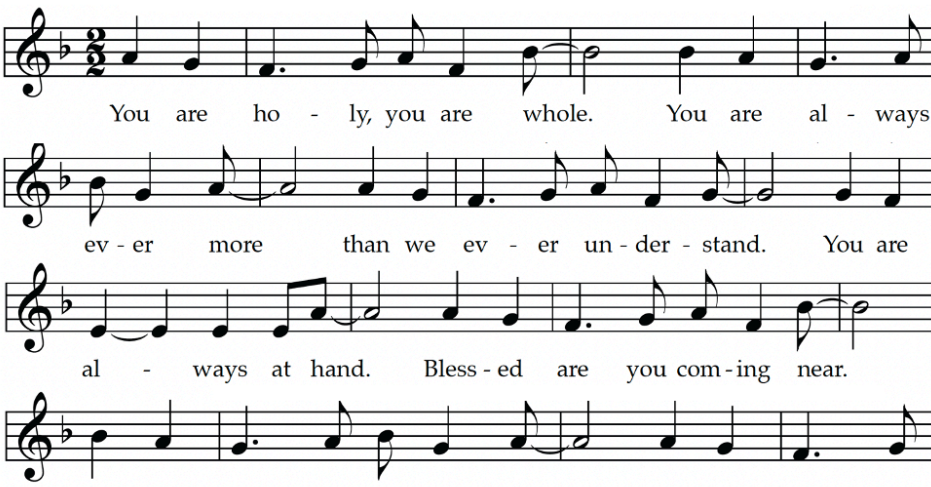
✝️ Prayer of Dedication

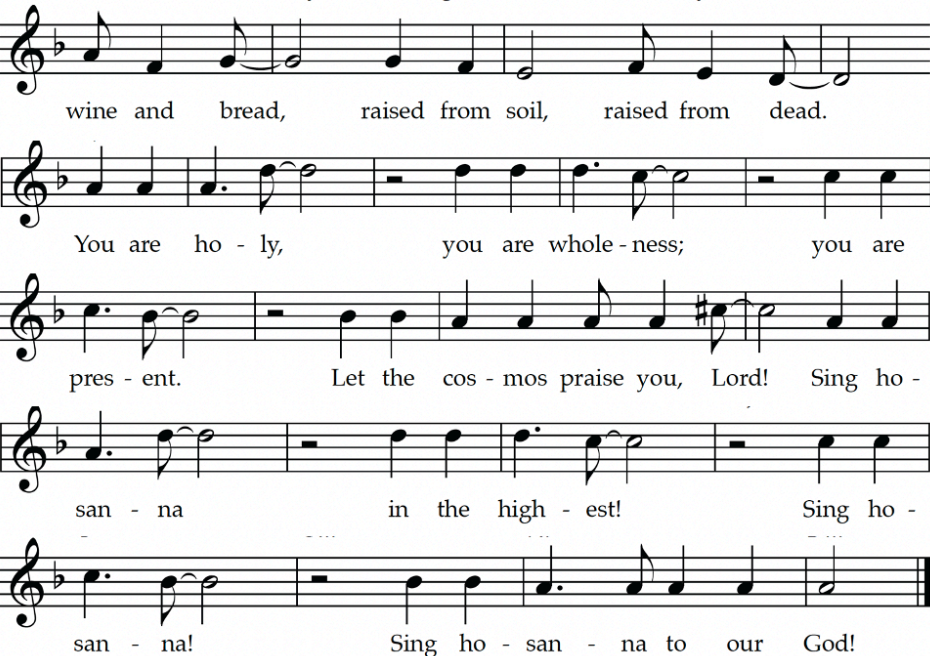
The Lord’s Supper

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...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.

Sanctus		
Hymn 596	<i>You are Holy</i>	DU ÄR HELIG
		

		
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... Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. (spoken)

... In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day of resurrection, we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

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.

Prayer After Communion	Naomi McQuiller
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Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✝️ Hymn 246	<i>Christ is Alive!</i>	TRURO
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✝️ Charge and Benediction	Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish
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✝️ Postlude	<i>Prealudium in G Major</i> Mason Copeland, organ	Nicolaus Bruhns
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✝️ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.