

This Week at Central

June 1 - June 8, 2025

Sunday, June 1 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 1:00 p.m. Youth leave for Montreat Youth Conference	Thursday, June 5 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
Monday, June 2 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	Friday, June 6 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes
Tuesday, June 3 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	Saturday, June 7 9:00 a.m. Officer Training (Tull Hall) 1:00 p.m. Youth return from Montreat Youth Conference
Wednesday, June 4 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	Sunday, June 8 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. Pentecost Celebration (Tull Hall)

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!

TODAY IS MUSIC AND ARTS SUNDAY. We are so glad you are here to enjoy this joyful celebration of Central’s vibrant Music and Arts community! This will be a special worship service filled with beauty, creativity, and inspiration. The sanctuary will come alive with stunning visual art by Central members, the shimmering sounds of two anthems from the Geneva Handbell Choir, and a powerful musical offering from the Chancel Choir, featuring guest soloists and orchestra. We are grateful you have come to celebrate the gifts of music and art that enrich our worship and community life!

SUMMER SERIES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & GOD'S JUSTICE. This series will begin on June 8th and take a dynamic look at criminal justice in Georgia and how we are called to respond with God's justice. All sessions are from 9:45am - 10:45am in the atrium of the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center. The first Sunday, June 8th will be Restorative Justice by speaker Elizabeth Bounds, Candler School of Theology.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION, JUNE 8. Join us in Tull Hall following worship to celebrate Pentecost and the installation of our new Elders and Deacons.

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Kathy McCloud
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett
Deacon of the Day: Debbie Miller

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

Singers:
Morgan Watts, soprano soloist
Cory Klose, tenor soloist
Shelby Laird
Michelle Austin Copeland
Sandy Sharis
Micah Laird
John Arnold
Ryan Fellman

Chamber Orchestra:
Barbara Cook, oboe
Adelaide Federici, concertmaster, violin I
Kevin Chaney, violin I
Shawn Pagliarini, violin I
Ryan Ryan, violin II
Chelsea Cline, violin II
Sarah Nienhiser, violin II
Kristeen Sorrells, viola
Shadwa Mussad, viola
Sarah Kapps, cello
Emory Clements, bass

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

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7th Sunday of Easter
Music & Arts Sunday
June 1, 2025
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



No. 12: On Small Islands Also Men Till the Earth While Larks Sing Above (after Issa), Stanton Macdonald-Wright

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Prelude on Holy Manna</i>	arr. Cathy Marker
Geneva Bell Choir, Thomas Chafin, conductor		
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
Come, let’s sing a new song to the Lord!
Let the whole earth join in the praise!
God is doing amazing things—steadfast in love, faithful in justice.
We lift our voices to the One who makes all things new.
Let the skies rejoice, the oceans roar, the trees dance with joy!
All creation celebrates the goodness of God.
God is coming to heal, restore, and set things right.
So let’s worship with joy, hope, and open hearts!

✠ Hymn 641 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

✠ Call to Confession Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ Prayer of Confession
God of all creation,
you call us to sing a new song,
but too often we are stuck in old patterns.
You invite us to live with joy and justice,
but we cling to fear, comfort, and control.

We confess the ways we silence your praise—
when we ignore the beauty around us,
when we close our ears to cries for justice,
when we forget your love is for all people and all things.

Forgive us.
Renew our hearts,
tune our lives to your melody,
and help us join all creation in worship and wonder ...
(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
(sing twice)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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

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

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination	Kathy McCord
First Lesson	Psalm 96
Chandos Anthem No. 4 in F Major, <i>O Sing Unto The Lord</i> , HWV 249b	George Frideric Handel ed. Samuel Adler
Chancel Choir Morgan Watts, soprano & Cory Klose, tenor Chamber Orchestra	

I. Sonata
Kelly Grba, conductor

II. O Sing Unto The Lord
O sing unto the Lord a new song! O sing unto the Lord all the earth.

III. Declare God's Honor
Declare God's honor unto the nations, and God's wonders unto all the people.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised.
God is more to be feared than all gods.

IV. The Waves Of The Sea
The waves of the sea rage horribly,
but yet the Lord who dwells on high is mightier.

V. O Worship The Lord
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

VI. Let The Whole Earth
Let the whole earth stand in awe of God.

VII. Let The Heavens Rejoice
Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.

Responding to the Word

Liturgy of Celebration Rev. Kate Culver
God of creation, you sang the world into being.
You breathed and we were made.
Even the rocks sing your name.
We thank you for the gift of music, for the way it takes our simple words and
surrounds them with beauty and grace.
**Help us to be grateful for our lives--here, now, in this place, on this
morning, at this moment.**
We thank you for the gift of art, for the way it expresses what our words
cannot express.
Hear our hearts beating in praise of your marvelous ways.
You are the one who sang us into being, who provides the melody of our
lives, who's artistic fingerprints are all over our hearts.
We thank you and we praise your name! Amen.

✠ Hymn 821 *My Life Flows On* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

✠ 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.

Thanksgiving for Music Ministry

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Ron Mallory
Geneva Bell Choir, Thomas Chafin, conductor

✠ 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

Prayers of the People and 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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Postlude *Fugue in D Major, BWV 532* Johann Sebastian Bach
Mason Copeland, organ

*The flowers today are given by Thom Dixon and Matt Hepler in glory to God
and with great appreciation to the Chancel Choir, the Geneva Handbell Choir,
and our organist, Mason Copeland. We thank God for the beauty
they create in our worship services each week.*