

This Week at Central
June 8 - June 15, 2025

Sunday, June 8		Thursday, June 12	
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry	10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens	7:00 p.m.	Facilities Committee (Zoom)
9:45 a.m.	Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)		Admin Committee (Zoom)
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Ed. Committee (Zoom)
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary	Friday, June 13	
12:00 p.m.	Pentecost Celebration (Tull Hall)	12:00 p.m.	Church Office closes
Monday, June 9		Saturday, June 14	
11:00 a.m.	Rebekah Circle End of Year Gathering	Church Office Closed	
6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting	Sunday, June 15	
Tuesday, June 10		8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)	9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
5:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Committee (Zoom)	9:45 a.m.	Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)
		11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
Wednesday, June 11			
10:00 a.m.	Wieuca Church Hotdog Day (Courtyard)		
6:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee		

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!

REBEKAH CIRCLE END-OF-YEAR GATHERING. Join us Monday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Austell Presbyterian Church (5895 Love St, Austell) for our final meeting of the program year. Barbara Presley will lead the lesson, “Sustaining Creation’s Health for All,” followed by a potluck luncheon and business meeting. This is an in-person event only. For questions, contact Frances St. John at fstjohn210@gmail.com or 770-845-5094.

SUMMER SERIES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & GOD'S JUSTICE. This series will take a dynamic look at criminal justice in Georgia and how we are called to respond with God's justice. All sessions are from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center. Next Sunday, June 15th, will be Re-Entry After Incarceration led by Doug Ammar, Geogia Justice Project.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION TODAY. 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: Thom Dixon	Hospitality Team
Tower Bell Ringer: Kristeen Sorrells	Beth Grashof
Deacon of the Day: Betty Carroll	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
Melissa Johnson, Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator
John White, Facilities Manager
Abraha Diedre, Custodian
Karen Brown, Pianist, Bethlehem & Jerusalem Choir
Kelly Grba, Music Intern
Josh Smith, Audio Engineer
Jamel Morris-Barclay, Audio Assistant
Sarah Anderson, Video Production Manager
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

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Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Veni Sancti Spiritus, Adam Kossowski

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Improvisation</i> Mason Copeland, organ
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
O Lord, our God, you are very great. You are clothed in glory and majesty, wrapped in a robe of light. You set the earth on its foundations, never to be shaken. May the glory of the Lord endure forever. Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live. Let us sing praises to God our whole life long. Let us worship God!	

✠ Hymn 280	<i>Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us</i>	EBENEZER
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✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession
FROM CALL TO WORSHIP
God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ ... <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 582	<i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i>	GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.		
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.		

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
Prayer for Illumination	Thom Dixon
First Lesson	Psalm 104:23-34, 35b

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

Second Lesson John 14:8-17, 25-27 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 285	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	BRIDEGROOM
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✠ Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Kate Culver
ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.20 God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.	

Ordination and Installation of New Officers	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner and Rev. Kate Culver
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Offertory Sentence	Rev. Kate Culver
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Music at the Offertory	<i>Spirit Divine</i>	Nancy Ruth Durance
Hannah Kershner, soloist, Chancel Choir, Mason Copeland, piano		

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that will unclasp and set me free.
Silently I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mind, that I may read more of Thy love in word and deed.
What shall I fear when Thou dost lead?
Only for light from Thee I plead.
Silently, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my way that I may bring trophies of grace to Christ, my King;
echoed in love, Thy word shall out ring sweet as the note that angels sing.
Silently, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

✠ At the Presentation	<i>Doxology</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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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

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
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

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

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

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 291	<i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i>	SPIRIT
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✠ Charge and Benediction	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
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Postlude	<i>Veni Creator</i>	Nicolas de Grigny
Mason Copeland, organ		