

**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!

**THIRSTY THURSDAYS THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 7 P.M.** Central members meet monthly (the fourth Thursday of the month) at Manuel’s Tavern for a time of informal fellowship. The 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

**SUMMER SERIES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & GOD'S JUSTICE.** This series takes 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 am to 10:45 am in the atrium of the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center. Next Sunday, June 29th will be Capital Punishment in Georgia presented by Mary Catherine Johnson. Questions: Contact Susan Landrum.

**SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR – SUNDAY, JUNE 29.** All are invited to join our first Summer Pick-Up Choir of the season on Sunday, June 29! We'll meet in the sanctuary at 10:20 AM to briefly rehearse Jesus Calls Us (arr. Sondra Tucker), which the choir sang on April 6, before helping to lead worship at 11:00 AM. No robes—just come as you are! We'll follow our usual loft routine and also help lead congregational hymns. This is a great opportunity to sing without a big time commitment, so, if you've been singing along in the pews this year, it's time to join us! Current members, feel free to bring a friend (or two!) who might be interested in joining us. After the service, join us for a casual lunch at Chattahoochee Food Works (1235 Chattahoochee Ave NW, Atlanta). There are plenty of food options and big tables where we can all sit together. Email Thom at tdixon@cpcatlanta.org if you'd like a copy of the music beforehand.

**SECOND SUNDAY AT THE HIGH.** Ten passes have been reserved for Children & Youth at the High Museum's Second Sunday on July 12! This is a day when the museum is open, free, and full of family-focused activities. Let's make our way there after worship! If you want passes for your family, contact Susan Landrum. More details to come!

**ICE CREAM MEET-UPS.** Children & Youth will be meeting on Wednesdays in July and August. We'll alternate between Decatur and the amazing Lee + White food hall right on the Westside BeltLine. These are casual opportunities for fellowship and are all starting at 7 pm. The first Meet-Up will be at Butter & Cream in Decatur on July 15. Families come as you are, no need to RSVP; plan to purchase ice cream for your children and youth.

**PRESBYTERY NIGHT AT ATLANTA UNITED.** Join your friends and colleagues from across the presbytery on Wednesday, July 16, for a night out at Atlanta United! As the Five Stripes take on the Chicago Fire, the Presbytery will have a tailgate party beginning at 5:00 pm and then make our way to the match—first kick is at 7:30 pm. The Presbytery has 40 group tickets available in section 228 for \$27 each. If you already have tickets, you can sign up for the tailgate only. Scan the QR to register.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT.** We will be heading to Montreat, NC for our Central All Church Retreat on August 30th through September 1st. Save the date and watch for additional information and registration information.

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Thomas Chafin, pianist

Lector: Tina Sizemore  
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul  
Deacon of the Day: Nancy Wilkes

Hospitality Team  
Beth Grashof  
Ben Evans  
Bettie Hardin  
Kathy Harben  
Rachel Hull  
Mike Sizemore

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  
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Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 22, 2025  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Family, Romare Bearden

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i> from <i>Cantata no. 147</i> Thomas Chafin, piano	J.S. Bach
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Kate Culver
Ringling of the Bell		
	<i>As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.</i>	
✠ Call to Worship		Susan Landrum
When we long for your presence, <b>you are there with us, O source of comfort.</b> When we face dangers and perils, <b>you are there for us, O source of strength.</b> When we need to do justice, <b>you are there within us, O source of courage.</b> So we come with songs and praises, <b>that all the ends of the earth,</b> <b>and all the families of the nations,</b> <b>may know of your love.</b> <b>Let us praise God!</b>		
✠ Hymn 301	<i>Let Us Build a House</i>	TWO OAKS
✠ Call to Confession		
✠ Prayer of Confession		
God of Grace, we have harmed your children, whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we segregate them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them. Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us.... <i>(Silent Confession)</i> <b>Amen.</b>		
✠ Assurance of Pardon		
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. <b>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!</b>		
✠ 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.	
	<i>During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.</i>	
	Proclaiming the Word	
A Time with Children		Susan Landrum
Prayer for Illumination		Tina Sizemore
First Lesson	1 Kings 19:1–15a	
Second Lesson	Galatians 3:23–29	Rev. Kate Culver
Sermon		
	Responding to the Word	
✠ Hymn 645	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	MIT FREUD ZART
✠ Affirmation of Faith		Kimberly Parker
APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL		
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.		
Offertory Sentence		
Music at the Offertory	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i> Thomas Chafin, piano	arr. Suzanne Brantley
✠ At the Presentation	<i>Doxology</i>	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 847	<i>Our Hope, Our Life</i>	O WALY WALY
✠ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Kate Culver
Postlude	<i>Air from Water Music</i> Thomas Chafin, piano	G.F. Handel

This Week at Central

June 22 - 29, 2025

<b>Sunday, June 22</b> 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:45 a.m. Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)  11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Tull Hall)  2:00 p.m. Youth Service & Learning Trip Departure	<b>Thursday, June 26</b> Nacoochee Pres. Youth Group (Youth Suite) 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom) 5:00 p.m. Youth Service & Learning Trip Returns  7:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursday
<b>Monday, June 23</b> Nacoochee Pres. Youth Group Arrives (Youth Suite) 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	<b>Friday, June 27</b> Nacoochee Pres. Youth Group (Youth Suite) 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes
<b>Tuesday, June 24</b> Nacoochee Pres. Youth Group (Youth Suite) 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	<b>Saturday, June 28</b> Nacoochee Pres. Youth Group Departs Church Office Closed
<b>Wednesday, June 25</b> Nacoochee Pres. Youth Group (Youth Suite) 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	<b>Sunday, June 29</b> 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:45 a.m. Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)  11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary