

**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!

**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, July 6th there will be no class.** The next Sunday, July 13th will be Indigent Defense System presented by Emmet Bondurant. Questions: Contact Susan Landrum.

**SECOND SUNDAY AT THE HIGH.** Ten passes have been reserved for Children & Youth at the High Museum's Second Sunday on July 13! 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 code to register.



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE ALL CHURCH RETREAT.**

Join us for a weekend of fellowship, community-building, and fun in beautiful Montreat! Central Presbyterian Church will host our annual All-Church Retreat at the Montreat Conference Center in beautiful western North Carolina **August 30 - September 1**. This is a time to refresh, rejuvenate, and commune with Central friends - new and old. Montreat and Western North Carolina, including many of our Central beloveds, have experienced devastating natural disasters, and we pray and hope to be mindful and respectful of what our friends and the Western North Carolina community have experienced through Hurricane Helene and its aftermath. This year's theme for the retreat is "Stories That Shape Us," and together we will share, reflect, and co-create stories guided by our faith and commitment to radical inclusion. And there will also be plenty of time for unstructured fun and relaxation!

Dr. Hannah Murphy-Buc and Dr. Yvette Conyers will co-facilitate Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning programming. You can find their bios in Realm.

Please go to Realm or scan the QR code to register!



Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Kitsy Battle  
Tower Bell Ringer: Marci Bozeman  
Deacon of the Day: Martha Kimes

Hospitality Team  
A Faithful Group of Central Members

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  
Toby Abrelate, Video Assistant  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director



Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 29, 2025  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Freedom*, Judith Bernstein

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You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org) or using the QR code.



# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou</i> Mason Copeland, organ	Marcel Dupre
Welcome and Announcements		Susan Landrum
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 worshiping God.</i>	
✦ Call to Worship		Kimberly Parker
	In the calm waters of the ponds and the bouncing waters of the rivers, <b>you make a path, O God of wonders.</b> In the playful waters of the streams that shape every rock and the furious waters of the whirlwinds coming down, <b>you make a path, O God of wonders.</b> We come to praise God, knowing that in the quiet and in the chaos of our lives, <b>you will make a path.</b> Let us worship God!	
✦ Hymn 36	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
✦ Call to Confession		
✦ Prayer of Confession		
	<b>God of mercy,</b> <b>we confess that we too often mistake individualism for freedom.</b> <b>We mistake dominance for stewardship.</b> <b>We misuse power and deny privilege.</b> <b>We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger.</b> <b>We neglect to care for others</b> <b>and gratify our own desires.</b> <b>Forgive us, O God,</b> <b>and cleanse us of our sin.</b> <b>Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace.</b> <b>Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity,</b> <b>and lead us to be gentle</b> <b>in our care for all of your people ... <i>(Silent Confession)</i> 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.	

*During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.*

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

# Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children		Susan Landrum
Prayer for Illumination		Kitsy Battle
First Lesson	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20	
Second Lesson	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Susan Landrum
Sermon		

# Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn 720	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i>	GALILEE
✦ Affirmation of Faith		Rev. Kate Culver
	ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.32–33 <b>The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to all people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.</b>	
Offertory Sentence		
Music at the Offertory	<i>Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</i>	arr. Sondra Tucker CPC Summer Pick-Up Choir, Mason Copeland, piano
	Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of life's wild restless sea. Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me." As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.	
	Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more." In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."	
	Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call. Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all!	

✦ At the Presentation	<i>Doxology</i>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b> <b>Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!</b> <b>Praise God above, ye heavenly host;</b> <b>Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.</b> <b>Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia</b>	
✦ 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 536	<i>Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen</i>	SURGE ECCLESIA
✦ Charge and Benediction		Susan Landrum
Postlude	<i>Toccata in E Minor</i> Mason Copeland, organ	Johann Pachelbel

# This Week at Central

# June 29 - July 6, 2025

<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	<b>Thursday, July 3</b> 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
<b>Monday, June 30</b> 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	<b>Friday, July 4</b> Church Office Closed for Holiday
<b>Tuesday, July 1</b> 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	<b>Saturday, July 5</b> Church Office Closed
<b>Wednesday, July 2</b> 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	<b>Sunday, July 6</b> 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary