This Week at Central

July 6 - July 13, 2025

Sunday, July 6

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

Tuesday, July 8

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom 5:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard) 10:00 a.m. Wieuca Church Hotdog Day

(Courtyard)

6:00 p.m. Georgia Interfaith Power & Light Vigil (Tull Hall & Rand Chapel) Thursday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Georgia Interfaith Power & Light Press Conference (Courtyard) 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Friday, July 11

12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

Saturday, July 12 Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 13

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. Children & Youth: Second Sunday at the High Museum

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. The next Sunday, July 13th will be Indigent Defense System presented by Emmet Bondurant. Questions: Contact Susan Landrum.

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.

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 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

Worship Leader: Rev. Chip Blankinship Lector: Vicki Collier

Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Galloway Deacon of the Day: Larken McCord Hospitality Team Beth Grashof Kevin Byers Tricia Downing Martha Kimes Em McNair

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

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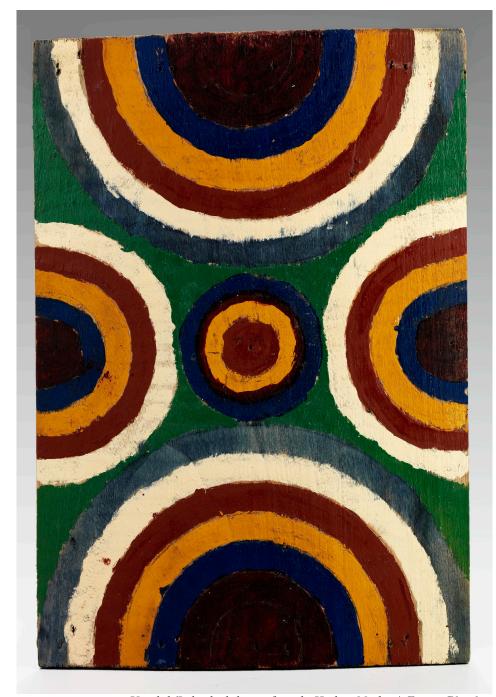
You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at www.cpcatlanta.org or using the QR code.







Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Untitled (Individual element from the Healing Machine), Emery Blagdon

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Prelude in G Minor Mason Copeland, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kate Culver

Ringing 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

Rev. Chip Blankinship

Come, all who seek rest, healing, and renewal.

We come, carrying burdens of body and spirit.

God meets us not always in grandeur,

but in the guiet, the ordinary, the overlooked.

We come to listen for the sacred in simple things.

Like water in a river, grace flows where we least expect it. We come, open to wonder, ready for restoration.

Let us worship the Holy One—

who invites us to trust, to wash, and to be made whole.

With open hearts and honest hopes, we worship God.

† Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God! Text: Michael Morgan

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Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise! Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days. Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just: walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust. Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard! By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred. When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

- **†** Call to Confession
- **†** Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are often too proud to receive your grace. We want solutions that feel powerful, not rivers that run low and prophets without titles. We resist your healing when it comes through voices we'd rather ignore or paths we don't understand. We grow weary in your service and sometimes forget that peace is our calling. Forgive us, O God. Soften our hearts. Wash us in your mercy until we are made new again—ready to go, ready to serve, ready to rejoice ... (Silent Confession) Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† Passing of the Peace

J.S. Bach

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.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Vicki Collier

(Vasile)

First Lesson

2 Kings 5:1–14

Second Lesson

Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

♦ Hymn 582

Responding to the Word

Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

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† Affirmation of Faith

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

Mothering God Kelly Grba, soloist, Mason Copeland, piano Tom Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, So that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

† At the Presentation

Doxology

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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

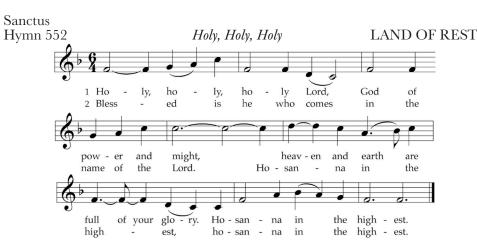
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

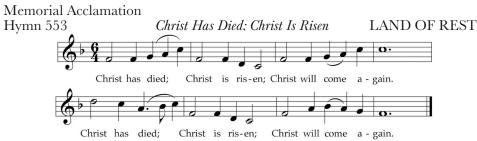
We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.



... Great is the mystery of faith!



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.

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 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kate Culver

NETTLETON

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor Mason Copeland, organ J.S. Bach