

This Week at Central  
July 6 - July 13, 2025

<b>Sunday, July 6</b>	<b>Thursday, July 10</b>
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry	10:00 a.m. Georgia Interfaith Power & Light
9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens	Press Conference (Courtyard)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary	10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
<b>Monday, July 7</b>	<b>Friday, July 11</b>
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	12:00 p.m. Church Office closes
<b>Tuesday, July 8</b>	<b>Saturday, July 12</b>
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	Church Office Closed
5:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee (Zoom)	<b>Sunday, July 13</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 9</b>	8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
10:00 a.m. Wieuca Church Hotdog Day (Courtyard)	9:45 a.m. Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)
6:00 p.m. Georgia Interfaith Power & Light Vigil (Tull Hall & Rand Chapel)	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

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



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Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Prelude in G Minor</i> Mason Copeland, organ	J.S. Bach
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Kate Culver
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	Rev. Chip Blankinship
Come, all who seek rest, healing, and renewal. <b>We come, carrying burdens of body and spirit.</b> God meets us not always in grandeur, but in the quiet, the ordinary, the overlooked. <b>We come to listen for the sacred in simple things.</b> Like water in a river, grace flows where we least expect it. <b>We come, open to wonder, ready for restoration.</b> Let us worship the Holy One— who invites us to trust, to wash, and to be made whole. <b>With open hearts and honest hopes, we worship God.</b>	

✠ Hymn 54	<i>Make a Joyful Noise to God!</i> Text: Michael Morgan	DIX
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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
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✠ Prayer of Confession
<b>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 ...</b> <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
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✠ Hymn 582	<i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i>	GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
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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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination		Vicki Collier
First Lesson	2 Kings 5:1–14	
Second Lesson	Luke 10:1–11, 16–20	Rev. Kate Culver
Sermon		

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 754	<i>Help Us Accept Each Other</i>	BARONITA
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✠ Affirmation of Faith
APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL
<b>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.</b>

Offertory Sentence
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Music at the Offertory	<i>Mothering God</i>	Tom Trenney
	Kelly Grba, soloist, Mason Copeland, piano	

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	<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
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The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table
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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	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	LAND OF REST
Hymn 552		



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
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	<i>Christ Has Died: Christ Is Risen</i>	LAND OF REST
Hymn 553		



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
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Communion of the People
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*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
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Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 441	<i>Hear the Good News of Salvation</i>	NETTLETON
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✠ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Kate Culver
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Postlude	<i>Fugue in G Minor</i> Mason Copeland, organ	J.S. Bach
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