

**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 20th will be AJC: Georgia Department of Corrections/Series on Prisons presented by Carrie Teegardin. Questions: Contact Susan Landrum.

**SECOND SUNDAY AT THE HIGH.** Ten passes have been reserved for Children & Youth at the High Museum's Second Sunday TODAY! This is a day when the museum is open, free, and full of family-focused activities. Let's make our way there after worship! Contact Susan Landrum for more details!

**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.

**MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES (MDM)** is hosting a School Supply Drive to benefit multiple of their on-site partners on July 20th from 3 – 5 p.m. Anne Blankinship, a member of the Mission Committee and a board member at MDM, will be coordinating donations from our Central family. **Bring your donations to Tull Hall on Sunday, July 13 or 20th**, or leave them in the church office during the week. If you have any questions, contact Anne at 404-398-1186 or anne.blankinship@gmail.com.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Come support Central's own Anne Blankinship, Lizzie Holden, and Chip Blankinship as they sing in the 35th season of the Summer Singers of Atlanta—Atlanta's original summer choir! Under the direction of Central's Music Director, Thomas Dixon, this 125-voice chorus will perform Mozart's Coronation Mass with professional orchestra and featured soloists Morgan Watts, Heather Witt, Cory Klose, and Antonio Azpiri. Don't miss this joyful celebration of music and community! Scan the QR code to get your tickets.

**REGISTER NOW 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

Dr. Kyle Jones, soprano saxophone

Lector: Ted Brothers  
Tower Bell Ringer: Kristeen Sorrells  
Deacon of the Day: Anne Blankinship

Hospitality Team  
Beth Grashof  
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  
Toby Abrelate, Video Assistant  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 13, 2025  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Good Samaritan, Jules Pascin

Give

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

*Gabriel's Oboe from "The Mission"*Ennio Morricone  
Kyle Jones, soprano saxophone  
Mason Copeland, organ

arr. Mark McGurty

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

Rev. Kate Culver

LITURGY ADAPTED FROM THOM SCHUMANN  
Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.  
**Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**  
Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.  
**Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**  
Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.  
**Blessed is God. Let us worship!**

✚ Hymn 41

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

✚ Call to Confession

✚ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we know there are people we pass by.  
Some are family and friends we take so much for granted  
that we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love  
and compassion. Others are neighbors: who have been left  
half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands  
of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked  
on by them, Many are strangers, people we don't know, but  
quickly judge. Rescue us from the power of our sin, Righteous  
One of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than  
your judgment, that we would be moved with compassion and  
spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours,  
and share it with all people; that we would shower mercy on  
all we meet, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior ...  
(Silent Confession) Amen.**

✚ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✚ Passing of the Peace

✚ Hymn 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*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

Ted Brothers

First Lesson

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✚ Hymn 771

*What Is the World Like*

NEW WORLD

✚ Affirmation of Faith

Susan Landrum

ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967, 9.32–33  
**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.  
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.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

*Four Hymns Without Words (No. 3)*Adolphus Hailstork  
Kyle Jones, soprano saxophone  
Mason Copeland, organ

✚ At the Presentation

*Doxology*

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 747

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*ENVIADO  
Sing twice

✚ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

*La Réjouissance from "Twelve Heroic Marches"*Georg Philipp Telemann  
Kyle Jones, soprano saxophone  
Mason Copeland, organ

This Week at Central  
July 13 - 20, 2025

<b>Sunday, July 13</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 17</b> 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
<b>Monday, July 14</b> 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)  6:30 p.m. Monthly Diaconate Meeting (Zoom)	<b>Friday, July 18</b> 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b> 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom) 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (Zoom)	<b>Saturday, July 19</b> Church Office Closed
<b>Wednesday, July 16</b> 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)  7:00 p.m. Children & Youth Meet-Up @ Butter & Cream, Decatur	<b>Sunday, July 20</b> 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Youth Suite 9:45 a.m. Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)  11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary