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.

ICE CREAM MEET-UPS. Children & Youth will be meeting 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 next Meet-Up will be at Honeysuckle Gelato on Westside Beltline on Tuesday, July 22. 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 27th 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 today, or on Sunday, July 27, or you 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.

SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3. All are invited to join our final Summer Pick-Up Choir of the season on Sunday, August 3! We'll meet in the sanctuary at 10:20 AM to briefly rehearse Angels of Heaven (arr. Kevin Siegfried), which the choir sang on May 4, 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. Email Thom at tdixon@cpcatlanta.org if you'd like a copy of the music beforehand.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Come support Central's own Anne Blankinship, Lizzie Holden, and Chip Blankinship on August 3 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 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 Convers 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

Guest Organist: Vicki Fey Presenting Elder: Steve Young Child Representative: Leland Jefferson Lector: Rachel Stewart Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett Deacon of the Day: Linda Massengill

Hospitality Team Beth Grashof Becky Battle Philip Covin Liz Burkhardt Sandy Hoke Linda Massengill Chris Sciarrone Ellen Thompson

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



River, John August Swanson

Gathering Around the Word			Proclaiming the Word			\clubsuit At the Presentation
Prelude	"The Peace may be exchanged" from Vicki Fey, organ	n Rubrics Dan Locklair	Prayer for Illumina	tion	Rachel Stewart	Prais Praise God
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Welcome and Announcements Rev. Shannon J. Kershner			Second Lesson	Genesis 18:1-10a	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	Allelu
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As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping God.			Responding to the Word			Prayers of the Peop TRADITIONAL
Call to Wor FROM A CALL	TO WORSHIP		♦ Hymn 419	Lord, Who May Dwell within Yo	our House RIDGEMOOR	Our Father who Thy kingdom cor Give us this day
The God who first heard the morning stars sing never forgets the cry of the afflicted. You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you. The God who set the limits of the seas remains a stronghold for			The Sacrament of Baptism Sienna Elizabeth Brems daughter of Cameron and Stephanie Brems granddaughter of Steve Young and Betsy Smalley			as we forgive ou deliver us from e the glory, foreve
You, Ô Go	the oppressed. You, O God, have not forsaken those who seek you. Come, let us thank God for steadfast love, for all God's mighty works. Let us worship God!			 Affirmation of Faith Susan Landrum 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 		
🕈 Hymn 12	Immortal, Invisible, God Only	the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended			🕈 Charge and Benedi	
• Call to Con	Call to Confession			into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God		
 Litany of Confession O God, the world is full, yet all too often we feel empty. Some of us feel empty because we have been told that we are not enough or do not have enough. We believed the lie. Some of us feel empty because the little that we have keeps getting taken. We acknowledge, O God, our participation in systems that are designed to leave people behind. You call us to care for the good of all. Forgive us for ignoring our vocation. Forgive us for hoarding and wasting our daily bread and abandoning you, the bread of life, in pursuit of what cannot satisfy. Give us delight in the goodness of all that you have created, de- light that spills over into generosity, compelling our hearts to abide in you. Hear us now, as we continue in silent prayer (Silent Confession) Amen. 			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.Hymn 306Blest Be the Tie That BindsDENNIS			
			Hymn 306Blest Be the Tie That Binds verses 1, 2 and 5DENNISBlest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.			
Assurance of	 Assurance of Pardon Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Passing of the Peace 			Offertory Sentence Music at the Offertory Give Me Jesus Traditional Spiritual Thom Dixon, soloist, Vicki Fey, piano arr. Mark Hayes		
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• Passing of the Peace			Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.			& God's Ju 11:00 a.m. Worship in Monday, July 21
Т Путп 582	 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, 			Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world; Give me Jesus.		
And to the Son, whose grace has partoned 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. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.			D	ark midnight was my cry, give Give me Jesus, give me J You may have all this we Give me Jesus.	esus.	Tuesday, July 2210:00 a.m.Moments of5:00 p.m.Personnel O7:00 p.m.Ice CreamButter & Ca
			You may have all this world with its troubles and cares, for this I am sure; Give me Jesus.			Wednesday, July 23 9:00 a.m. Church of Ground (C
♦ When this sy	mbol precedes an element of the service, ple	ase stand as you are comfortable.				Music is printed under Onelicense.

¹ Please silence your cellphones.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; aise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Dedication

`the People and The Lord's Prayer

er who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. his day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, rgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but s from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and , forever. Amen.

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The God of Abraham Praise

nd Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

The God of Abraham Praise Vicki Fey, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Thursday, July 24

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Friday, July 25 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

Saturday, July 26 Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 27

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