

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 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

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

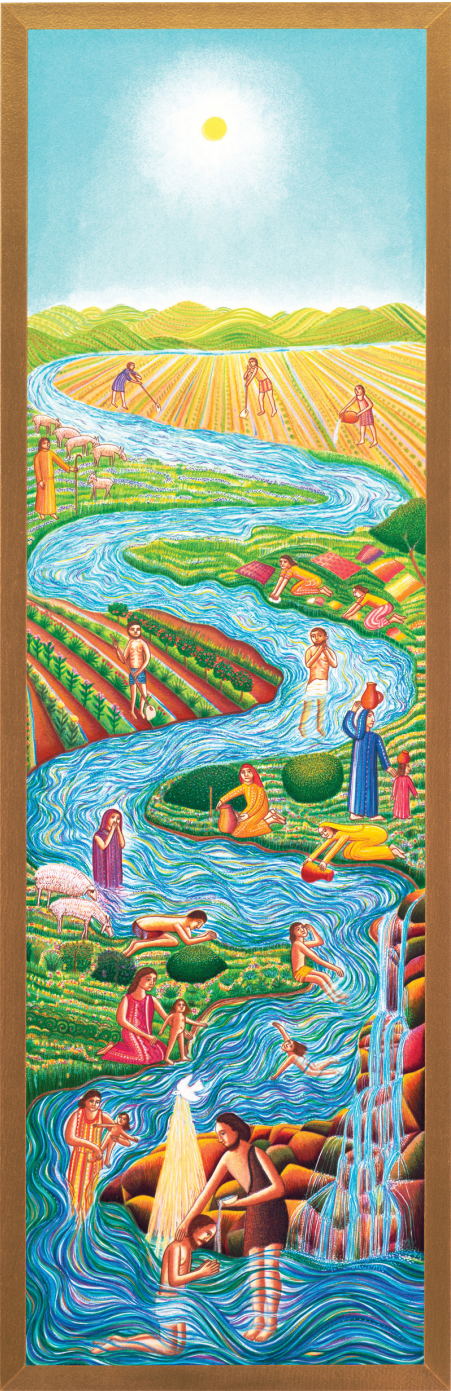
Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Philip Covin
Liz Burkhardt
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill
Chris Sciarrone
Ellen Thompson

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



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



River, John August Swanson

Give

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Gathering Around the Word			Proclaiming the Word			At the Presentation			Doxology			LASST UNS ERFREUEN		
Prelude	<i>"The Peace may be exchanged" from Rubrics</i>		Dan Locklair			Rachel Stewart								
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner												
Ringing 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													
	FROM A CALL TO WORSHIP													
	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 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!													
✠	Hymn 12	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>		ST. DENIO										
✠	Call to Confession													
✠	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, delight that spills over into generosity, compelling our hearts to abide in you.													
	Hear us now, as we continue in silent prayer ... <i>(Silent Confession)</i> Amen.													
✠	Assurance of Pardon													
	Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.													
	In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!													
✠	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.													
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