

This Week at Central
August 3 - August 10, 2025

Sunday, August 3		Thursday, August 7	
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry	10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens		
9:45 a.m.	Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)	Friday, August 8	
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary	12:00 p.m.	Church Office closes
Monday, August 4		Saturday, August 9	
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, August 5		Sunday, August 10	
10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
3:30 p.m.	Endowment Meeting (Zoom)	9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
5:00 p.m.	Mission Committee (Zoom)	9:45 a.m.	Summer Series, Criminal Justice & God's Justice (OAC Atrium)
	Stewardship Committee (Zoom)		
7:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Meet-Up (Decatur) Butter & Cream	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
		4:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Party at the home of Sara Toering & Dane Jefferson
Wednesday, August 6			
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)		
7:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Volunteers Meeting (Zoom)		

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. Next **Sunday, August 10th** will be Biblical & Theological Foundations presented by Rev. Ryan Bonfiglio. Questions: Contact Susan Landrum.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS. Please bring your backpack to worship on **Sunday, August 10th.** During our time with children, Susan, Shannon and Kate will lead a liturgy to bless each student's backpack as they embark on a new school year! We will also pass out our new backpack tag, a symbol to the world that each student is loved by God and their Central family. This is open to students of all ages!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY. On Sunday afternoon, **August 10th,** come over to the home of Sara Toering, Dane Jefferson, Leland and Quin for a back-to-school party! We'll enjoy fellowship and catching up with one another. We'd love for Central's children, youth, their families and anyone signed up or interested in signing up to support programming this year to join in on the fun! Register in Realm for all details. Event is from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just choir-curious, now is the perfect time to jump in! The Central Presbyterian Chancel Choir begins a new program year with a fun, music-filled Choir Camp, a two-day retreat focused on community, connection, and the joy of singing together. **Friday, August 15** at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian and **Saturday, August 16** at 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Harrington Center Chapel, Columbia Theological Seminary. This is a fantastic chance to explore your voice, meet new friends, and experience the magic of choral singing—no pressure, just joy! Questions? Email Thom at tdixon@cpcatlanta.org Ready to sing? Sign up on Realm today!

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 our website or Realm to register.

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Vanessa Hunter
Tower Bell Ringer: Kristeen Sorrells
Deacon of the Day: Anne Watkins

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Ben Evans
Kathy Harben
Rachel Hull
Jackie Randolph
Mike Sizemore

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

Give

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



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Farm Workers' Altar, Emanuel Martinez

Prelude	<i>Adoro te devote</i> Mason Copeland, organ	Gerald Near
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Ringling of the Bell		

Call to Worship
Come, all you who live in a world of striving—
you who measure success by more, who carry the burden of comparison.
**We come seeking what truly matters—
not more, but enough; not wealth, but wisdom.**
God is speaking—not in riddles or riches,
but with a voice that calls us back to what lasts.
**Our lives are not found in possessions
but in the love that shaped us and will not let us go.**
So let us set down the heavy things we carry—
our fear, our pride, our restless need for control—
**and turn our hearts again to God,
our refuge and our joy, our teacher and our treasure.**
Come, beloved of God—let us worship.
Let us worship the One who gives us life.

✦ Call to Confession

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

Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD
(Vasile)

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.

A Time with Children	Susan Landrum
Prayer for Illumination	Vanessa Hunter

First Lesson	Psalm 49:1-12	
Second Lesson	Luke 12:13-21	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

✠ Hymn 509	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	HOLY MANNA
✠ Affirmation of Faith		Susan Landrum
APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL		
<p>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.</p>		

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *Angels of Heaven* arr. Kevin Siegfried
Central Summer Pick-Up Choir

The angels of heaven are marching around
the border of Zion's holy ground.
Their music harmonious how it doth ring,
and this is the heavenly song they sing:

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord,
Love ye, love ye, love ye one another.

✦ At the Presentation

✠ Prayer of Dedication

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.

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!

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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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 de-
liver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

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

✠ Hymn 264	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	KING'S WESTON
✠ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
✠ Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune in D</i> Mason Copeland, organ	David Johnson

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.