

✠ Hymn 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA
Karen Brown, Chris Sciarrone, and the Jerusalem Choir
A musical introduction and the first verse, sung in Zulu.
Congregation, please join us for four verses.

We are marching in the light of God
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ Postlude *Jubilate* Fela Sowande
Don Papenbrock, organ

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).

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH. Join us today for a congregational lunch following worship. We will have a meal featuring Mediterranean food.

PRIDE FESTIVAL. Central is excited to participate in the upcoming Pride Festival on **October 11th and 12th**. Fri, Oct. 10: volunteers needed to help set up our booth. Sat & Sun, Oct. 11–12 volunteers are needed to man our booth in Piedmont Park (scan QR code to sign up). Sun, Oct. 12: After church, parade marchers will pick up box lunches and take MARTA to join the parade. Marchers should RSVP and order box lunches in Realm.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP EVENTS. Join us for joyful fellowship! Hear from Shannon and the stewardship committee as we launch this year's theme: "Grounded in Faith – Growing to Serve." We'll share what this means for Central and our life together. Please RSVP in Realm and sign up to bring a dish. Questions? Contact Susan Landrum.

Saturday, October 11th	11:00 a.m.	Intown South Parish Rob Forbes' Home
Sunday, October 19th	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lights Parish Rachel Stewart's Home
Saturday, October 25th	6:00 p.m.	Decatur Parish Clairmont Place

CONCERT AT CENTRAL OCTOBER 23. We have the opportunity to welcome the community into our sanctuary for another classical guitar concert this fall with an incredible musician, Kasia Smolarek. If you're able to volunteer as an usher, you can watch the concert for free. Please email Melissa Johnson to volunteer.

Lector: Thom Dixon
Tower Bell Ringer: Chantal Tusher
Deacon of the Day: Nancy Wilkes
Musicians:
Philip Covin, guitar
Chris Sciarrone, djembe

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
Annastassia Pons

October 5 - 12, 2025

Sunday, October 5

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
9:15 a.m.	Doughnuts in the Family Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Nazareth Choir)
9:45 a.m.	Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room)
	Bible Study (Brotherhood Room)
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for Children & Youth
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Congregation Lunch (Tull Hall)
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir (Jerusalem Choir)
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, October 6
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common
Ground (Courtyard)

Tuesday, October 7
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 8
 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common
 Ground (Courtyard)
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 9
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Friday, October 10
10:00 a.m. Set up Pride Festival Booth
12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

Saturday, October 11
Church Office Closed
10:00 a.m. Pride Festival Booth
11:00 a.m. Intown South Parish Stewardship
Event (Rob Forbes' home)

Sunday, October 12

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
9:15 a.m.	Doughnuts in the Family Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Nazareth Choir)
9:45 a.m.	Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room)
	Bible Study (Brotherhood Room)
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School for Children & Youth
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Pride Marchers Pick up Lunch Boxes in Tull Hall
1:00 p.m.	Pride Festival Booth and Parade

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor
Susan Landrum, Director of Christian Formation & Congregational Life
Thom Dixon, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist
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
Aaron Cummings, 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

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



For World Communion Sunday, Gabby Szymanski (7th grade, Central Youth)

Gathering Around the Word			
Prelude	Acclamation in G Minor Geneva Handbell Choir	Karen Thompson	
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 worshiping God.			
Choral Introit	Sing for Justice from The Justice Choir Songbook, Words by Brennan Blue Nazareth Choir, Kelly Grba and Aaron Cummings, conductors Karen Brown, piano	ARD HYD Y NOS	
✠ Call to Worship		Kimberly Parker	
FROM A SANCTIFIED ART If you are hungry, there is room at God’s table. If you are weary, there is a seat saved for you. If you dream of belonging, then we will practice belonging here. From north, south, east, and west, God invites us home. Let us worship our nourishing God			
✠ Hymn 240	Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks!	ALLELUIA NO. 1	
✠ Call to Confession			
✠ Prayer of Confession Creator God, we hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves and to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind. Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us. Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation. Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can’t be with others too. Our gaze has been too narrow. Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray ... (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 59	The Steadfast Love of the Lord	THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD	
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.			
During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.			
Proclaiming the Word			
A Time with Children		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	
Prayer for Illumination		Thom Dixon	
Psalter	Psalm 130 from Psalter for Christian Worship Text by Michael Morgan Thom Dixon, soloist		
From the depths I cry to Thee, Savior, Lord, my prayer receive; Who can stand the press of sin? Those who in Thy grace believe. Mark not my iniquity, Lest the burden break my heart; Not my heart alone, but Thine, For with mercy great Thou art.			
Congregation: For the Lord my soul awaits; In God's word, my hope is laid; As the sentries by the dawn For their patience are repaid. Hope in God, O Israel: God, whose steadfast love is sure: Who for us redemption brings; God whose mercies shall endure.			
Second Lesson	Mark 5: 21-34	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	
Sermon	This is What Church Could Be <i>Hungry and Hopeful</i>		
Responding to the Word			
✠ Hymn 762	When The Poor Ones	EL CAMINO	
✠ Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Kate Culver		
FROM A SANCTIFIED ART We believe in a nourishing God who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock. We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth, who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten. We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit—meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather. Trusting that good news, we come to the Table. We pull up extra seats. We learn each other’s names. We bless the food. We tell the story. We remember Christ’s love, and we look for God in all of it. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.			
Offertory Sentence			
Music at the Offertory	The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (Enviado soy de Dios) Geneva Handbell Choir, Philip Covin, guitar	arr. Cathy Mocklebust	
✠ 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			
The Lord’s Supper			
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.			
Sanctus Hymn 552	Holy, Holy, Holy	LAND OF REST	
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest			
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.			
... Great is the mystery of faith!			
Memorial Acclamation Hymn 553	Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen	LAND OF REST	
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.			
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			
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.			
Communion Music	Ndikhokhele Bawo	arr. Mzwandile Mabuza	
Aaron Cummings, soloist, Chris Sciarrone, djembe			
Guide me, O Lord, Guide me, O Great Redeemer Through the troubles of this world. Lord, I thank you for watching over me thus far. You are forever by my side, Lord, I thank you for watching over me thus far.			
Prayer After Communion			