

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 its nursery for children ages 3 months to four-years-old during our Sunday School and worship hours (9 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!

GEORGIA TECH CHORALE & CHAMBER CHOIR IN CONCERT
Join us this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. for an inspiring afternoon of beautiful choral music as the Georgia Tech Chorale and Chamber Choir, directed by Dr. B.E. Boykin and Dr. Josh Palkki, performs in our sanctuary. This free concert is open to all—donations will be gratefully accepted to support Central’s Arts of the Spirit fund.

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE. This evening Central is gathering with our friends at The Collective for a special worship service to mark Trans Day of Remembrance. The service will take place in the sanctuary of Central at 5 pm with a meal following in Tull Hall.

HELP OUR FRIENDS AT THE NIGHT SHELTER. This ecumenical ministry of hospitality to our homeless brothers has operated since 1980, providing nightly meals and a safe warm place to sleep.

One of the beautiful ways Central members serve at the Night Shelter is by offering pedicures and foot massages to the shelter guests. No experience is needed; seasoned volunteers provide on-the-job training, and there are many ways to help. We serve on Wednesday nights, and continuing most weeks through March (with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas). You can serve once or volunteer regularly. For further information, please contact Martha Crenshaw via email or 404-444-1958. You can also talk with Ed Galloway, Mary Jane Cornell, Adam Seeley or Beth Grashof to hear about their experiences.

The Mission Committee is seeking Central groups to serve. Volunteers will serve guests of the night shelter by providing sack lunches. There is also a need for people to serve dinner, provide breakfast snacks, and volunteers overnight. They will need lunch bags, dinner and breakfast for 70 men.

If you or your group is interested or if you have questions, please contact Ben Sutton at ben.t.sutton@gmail.com to see what dates that Central Presbyterian will be volunteering to serve our neighbors.

CENTRAL WOMEN NOVEMBER GATHERING. Join us at the home of Nancy Wilkes on November 20th at 7 p.m. for an evening of fellowship, food, and conversation. The program will feature Central’s own Denise de la Rue, an attorney and trial consultant who has worked on high-profile cases including the Unabomber and Olympic Park Bomber trials. Don’t miss this fascinating look behind the scenes of the courtroom! Please RSVP and sign up to bring food, a beverage, or \$10 “Cash for the Kitty.” Questions? Contact Karen Gravel or Debbie Miller.

THANKSGIVING WEEK. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, there will be no gatherings for Bookworms or the Thirsty Thursday group. The church office, Our House and the OAC will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26–27. Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday!

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Gabby Szymanski
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett
Deacon of the Day: Nancy Wilkes

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 Christian Formation & Congregational Life
Thom Dixon, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist
Kristie Johns, Director of Financial Operations
Melissa Johnson, Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator
John White, Facilities Manager
Abraha Diedre, Custodian
Karen Brown, Pianist, Nazareth & Jerusalem Choirs
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

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Joyful Mountain Landscape, Paul Klee

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Simple Gifts</i> Don Papenbrock, piano	Joseph Martin
Welcome and Announcements		Susan Landrum
Ringin g 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
This day we will give thanks to God,
who cradles us in the waters of baptism.
**This day we will trust in the One who has saved us,
who strengthens us.**
This day we praise our God for every blessing;
telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.
**This day our songs are filled with joy,
for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!**
Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession
**God our Creator, we praise you, for you make all things new,
even as we stay stuck in the old. We seek certainty before
trust, security ahead of hospitality, and ourselves over our
neighbors. Forgive our failure of faith, and help us. Help our
unbelief and our fear, so that we might love you and love our
neighbors like Jesus, through whom 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 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

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		Gabby Szymanski
First Lesson	Isaiah 65:17–25 (p. 654)	
Second Lesson	Luke 21:5-19 (p. 80)	Susan Landrum
Sermon		

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* KEEP YOUR LAMPS

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver
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
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.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory	<i>Cantate Domino</i> Chancel Choir	Guiseppe Pitoni
	Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exultent in rege suo. -Psalm 149:1-2	

(Translation)
Sing to the Lord a new song.
His praise is in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

✠ 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 Rev. Kate Culver
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 54 *Make a Joyful Noise to God!* DIX
Text by Michael Morgan

✠ Charge and Benediction Susan Landrum

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach, arr. V. Fox
Don Papenbrock, organ

This Week at Central

November 16 - 23, 2025

Sunday, November 16 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. Fall Mini-Series on Campbell and Eagan (OAC Atrium) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children & Youth 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 12:30 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Tull Hall) 2:30 p.m. Georgia Tech Choir Concert (Sanctuary) 4:00 p.m. Jerusalem Choir (Youth) 5:00 p.m. Trans Day of Remembrance (In Sanctuary followed by a meal in Tull Hall)	Thursday, November 20 9:00 a.m. Prayer & Parenting Weekly Meet-Up (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom) 7:00 p.m. Central Women Gathering (Nancy Wilkes' home) Friday, November 21 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes Saturday, November 22 Church Office Closed Sunday, November 23 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) 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Brotherhood Room) Sunday School for Children & Youth 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. Reception for the Wardlaw Family (Tull Hall)
Monday, November 17 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	
Tuesday, November 18 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom) 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Zoom)	
Wednesday, November 19 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard) 10:00 a.m. OAC Job Fair 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Central Young Adults Friendsgiving	

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