

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✦ Hymn 372	<i>O for a World</i>	AZMON
✦ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
✦ Postlude	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	Spiritual, arr. Dale Wood 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). 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!

LUTHER COLLEGE NORDIC CHOIR CONCERT Central is delighted to host the Luther College Nordic Choir today at **7:00 pm**. This concert is a special gift to our congregation and the wider Atlanta community. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON. Please mark your calendar to stay after worship on **February 15th** for our annual congregational meeting. We will also be having a congregational lunch following the congregational meeting. Please go to Realm to register for lunch.

SUSAN LANDRUM'S ORDINATION. Pending approval by the Presbytery on February 7, please join us on **Sunday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m.** for the Service of Ordination of Susan Landrum. This joyful and sacred occasion marks an important milestone in her life and ministry and in the life of our church. All are warmly invited to attend and celebrate together.

This Week at Central

February 1 - 8, 2026

Sunday, February 1	9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry	9:30 a.m.	GA Water Coalition (Taylor)
9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Youth Suite	6:30 p.m.	Foot Clinic
9:30 a.m. Children's Choir (Nazareth Choir)	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: Celtic Christianity (OAC Lobby)	Thursday, February 5	
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children & Youth	8:00 a.m.	HIV Advocacy Day (Tull Hall)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Pollard Committee (Taylor)	10:00 a.m.	Environmental GA (Greene)
5:00 p.m. Dinner for Nordic Choir (Tull)	Friday, February 6	
7:00 p.m. Nordic Choir Concert (Sanctuary)	8:00 a.m.	Georgia PTA Legislative Day (Sanctuary and Tull Hall)
Monday, February 2		Church Office closes at noon
8:00 a.m. Forward Together (Sanctuary)	Saturday, February 7	
9:00 a.m. Georgia Poor People's Campaign (Tull Hall)	Church Office closed	
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	9:00 a.m.	Greater Atlanta Presbytery Meeting
Tuesday, February 3	Sunday, February 8	
9:00 a.m. The Carter Center - Mental Health Parity Day (Tull Hall)	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)	9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Zoom)	9:45 a.m.	Issues in Theology Class (Greene)
Wednesday, February 4	11:00 a.m.	Sojourners Class (Brotherhood)
7:30 a.m. GCDD Advocacy Day (Tull Hall)	2:00 p.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Georgia Budget & Policy Institute Advocacy Day (Tull Hall)	2:00 p.m.	Tony Amos Memorial Service and Reception (Sanctuary & Tull Hall)
	4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir (Jerusalem Choir)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Kathy McCloud
Tower Bell Ringer: Jason Bliss
Deacon of the Day: Peg Richards

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
Annastassia Pons

Centralites Under Care of the Session As They Prepare for Ordained Ministry

Christian Antwi
Samuel Ayantor
Lucy Baum
Susan Landrum
Ximena Leroux
Kimberly Parker

Central Presbyterian Church Staff

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Avian Heart #2, Lorraine Roy



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *The Angels Changed My Name* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Don Papenbrock, piano

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.*

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver
Come, you who carry questions, weariness, and hope.
We come, trusting that God meets us here.
The world teaches us what is impressive, successful, and strong.
God invites us into a wisdom shaped by love.
God does not wait for us to rise to greatness,
but draws near to us as we are.
God chooses what is small, quiet, and often overlooked.
and fills it with meaning, dignity, and life.
Here, we are not measured by what we bring,
but welcomed for who we are.
Christ is our wisdom, our belonging, our becoming.
Our life rests in God. We open our hearts.
We come to worship the One who is already here.

✠ Hymn 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession
**Holy and gentle One, we confess how easily we measure ourselves
by success, certainty, and strength. We confess our hunger to
appear wise, our fear of being small, our resistance to the slow
work of love. Forgive us. Return us to your wisdom. Unclench
what is striving within us. Root us again in Christ, our life and our
becoming.... (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 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,
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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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 Kathy McCloud

First Lesson Micah 6:1–8

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 771 *What Is the World Like* NEW WORLD

✠ Affirmation of Faith Susan Landrum
ADAPTED FROM THE IMMIGRANT'S CREED
**I believe that the church is the secure home
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.
I believe that the communion of the saints begins
when we accept the diversity of the saints.
Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which
no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens
of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *Offertory* John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before God with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give God my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown you;
God has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justly and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

✠ 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 heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ Prayer of Dedication Susan Landrum

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

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!

Memorial Acclamation Hymn 553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* LAND OF REST

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

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.*

Music During Communion *Total Praise* Richard Smallwood
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion