

THE REBEKAH CIRCLE WOMEN'S GROUP will meet **Monday, February 9** from 11:00 - 12:30pm via Zoom. Please join us for fellowship and Bible study. We will be studying lesson five in our study book, "The Gift of the Woman who was Poor." All women of the church are welcome. We meet the second Monday of each month. Please contact Mary Lillian Walker to get the Zoom link or get your questions answered.

GUEST PREACHER: We are incredibly honored to announce that **Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary**, will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, February 15!** Rev. Dr. Walton is a renowned social ethicist, scholar, and religious leader. His work bridges the gap between academic theology and the pressing social issues of our time.

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 with Mediterrean food from Ameer's Mediterrean Grill. Please go to Realm to register for the lunch.

SUSAN LANDRUM'S ORDINATION. 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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE. **Sunday, February 15th**, during the congregational lunch, we will be selling fair traded coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange. Come buy and help support our partners around the world.

ASH WEDNESDAY. On Wednesday, February 18, we will have Ashes To Go on Washington Street from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. That evening we will have the Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

CENTRAL WOMEN FEBRUARY GATHERING. The Central Women will gather at **7:00 pm on February 19th** at Betsy Smalley's home. The presenter will be Rev. Rebekah Lemon, Senior Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church. She will discuss Presbyterians for a Better Georgia and how we can work together to be advocates. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



BOOKWORMS will meet this month on **February 24 at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of Debbie and Jerry Miller. At this gathering, Gary Coleman will guide our conversation about the book *There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America* by Brian Goldstone. If you have questions, please contact Linda McCord. We hope you will join us. We have much to discuss.

BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION: Central Presbyterian Church and Charis Books warmly invite you to a special book launch on **March 12 at 7:00 p.m.** for *Finding God in the Basement: Reimagining a Theology of Addiction and Recovery* by Dr. Jenn Carlier. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Martha Moore-Keish as our special guest for this meaningful and engaging evening.

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR 2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT
Dates: **Friday, March 20th - Sunday, March 22nd.** The theme is Courage to Hear Our Call and our facilitator will be Dr. Folami Prescott- Adams. We'll spend the weekend reflecting on the theological idea of "vocation" and what it means to be called by God throughout our lives. Dr. Folami, a powerful facilitator and practicing Quaker, will engage us in practices of listening and discernment that we can use in our community during the weekend and surely beyond. We will also have fun, fellowship, and time to relax together! Go to Realm to register for the retreat.

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Gabby Szymanski
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown
Deacon of the Day: Rachel Stewart
Musician: Beth Szymanski, violin

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Martha Haythorn
Kathy Kohn
Norm Kohn
Kathy McCloud
Isabelle Werber

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

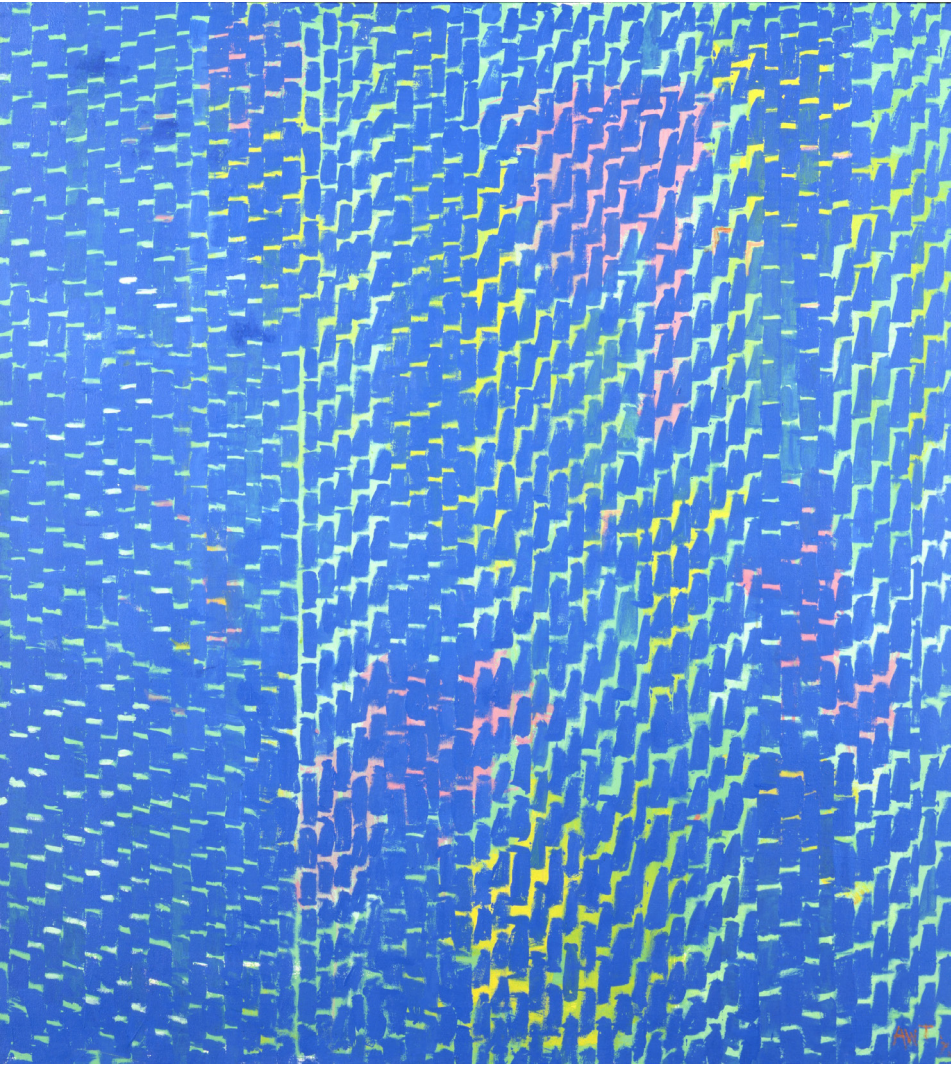
The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor
Susan Landrum, Director of Christian Formation & Congregational Life
Thom Dixon, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist
Kristie Johns, Director of Financial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

Give

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



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Celestial Fantasy, Alma Thomas

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Nobody Knows the Trouble I See</i>	arr. J. Stuart Archer
	Don Papenbrock, piano	
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	
Ringling 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
God calls us to loose the bonds of injustice and to share bread with the hungry.
We come to worship a God who restores and repairs.
Jesus says: You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
We come to shine with mercy, justice, and love.
Let your light break forth like the dawn.
We come to worship, ready to live what we believe.
Let us worship God!

✚ Hymn 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

✚ Call to Confession

✚ Prayer of Confession
Holy and reconciling God, you call us to a faith that frees, feeds, and restores. You call us to be salt, yet we lose our courage. You call us to be light, yet we hide what you have given. Forgive us when we ignore the hungry, turn away from those in pain, or excuse systems that wound your people. Loosen what is bound in us. Restore our calling to be repairers of the breach and builders of paths where all can walk safely. Renew us in mercy and boldness, so that our lives reflect your justice and love
(Silent Confession) **Amen.**

✚ Assurance of Grace
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	Gabby Szymanski
First Lesson	Isaiah 58:6-12
Second Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Sermon	

Responding to the Word

✚ Hymn 79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World* TEMPLE OF PEACE

✚ Responsive Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver

FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP
ADAPTED FROM "THE IMMIGRANT'S CREED," JOSÉ LUIS CASAL
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who speaks every language and walks with those on the move.
We believe no one is a stranger to God,
And no one is outside God's love.
We believe every person is made in God's image,
And every child belongs.
God is still journeying with us,
Calling us to welcome, to share, and to love without borders. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
Beth Szymanski, violin

✚ 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

Prayers of the People and 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 733	<i>We Are All One in Mission</i>	ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
✚ Charge and Benediction	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	
✚ Postlude	<i>Aint-a That Good News</i>	Spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim Don Papenbrock, organ

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Amos family to the glory of God
and in honor of Anthony (Tony) Lewis Amos*



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!

This Week at Central

February 8 - 15, 2026

Sunday, February 8		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry	7:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee (Zoom)
9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens		
9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School: Celtic Christianity (OAC Lobby)		
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary		
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		

Thursday, February 12	
8:00 a.m.	AFSP Advocacy Day (Rand)
10:00 a.m.	NAACP (Tull Hall)
10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)
10:00 a.m.	Environmental GA (Greene)
7:00 p.m.	WMA Committee (Zoom)
8:00 p.m.	Prayer & Parenting Monthly

Monday, February 9		Friday, February 13	
9:00 a.m.	Mom's Demand Action (Tull Hall)	8:00 a.m.	New Americans Celebration
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)		(Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m.	Rebekah Circle (Zoom)	Church Office closes at noon	
5:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting (Zoom)		

Tuesday, February 10		Saturday, February 14	
8:00 a.m.	Omega Psi Phi (Tull Hall)	Church Office closed	
8:30 a.m.	Street Grace (Sanctuary)		
10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)	Sunday, February 15	
5:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee (Zoom)	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
5:00 p.m.	Central Children & Youth Committee (Zoom)	9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens
		9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School: Celtic Christianity (OAC Lobby)

Wednesday, February 11		Saturday, February 14
9:00 a.m.	GA Council on Aging (Tull Hall)	Church Office closed
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	
9:30 a.m.	GA Water Coalition (Taylor)	
5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
6:30 p.m.	Foot Clinic	

Sunday, February 15
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School: Celtic Christianity (OAC Lobby)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
12:30 p.m. Congregational Lunch (Tull Hall)
2:00 p.m. Susan Landrum's Ordination Service (Sanctuary)

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