

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!

GUEST PREACHER: We are incredibly honored to announce that **Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary**, will be our guest preacher today. 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 stay seated for the Congregational Meeting following worship today. We will also be having a congregational lunch following the congregational meeting with Mediterranean food from Ameer's Mediterranean Grill.

SUSAN LANDRUM'S ORDINATION. Please join us today 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.

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, 1721 Noble Drive, Atlanta 30306. At this gathering, Gary Cornell 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: Vanessa and Phoebe Hunter
Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Galloway
Deacon of the Day: Linda Massengill

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Liz Burkhardt
Philip Covin
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill
Chris Sciarrone
Ellen Thompson

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
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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



Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



The Crown Heights Children's Story Quilt, Faith Ringgold

Give

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



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Adoration
Don Papenbrock, organ

Florence B. Price

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringing 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

Come to the mountain of God.

We come seeking light and truth.

Christ is revealed in glory.

We come ready to listen.

Come to the waters of baptism.

We remember we are claimed and named.

Come, strangers and friends, old and new.

We are being made one body in love.

This is holy ground.

Let us worship God who is still transfiguring us.

† Hymn 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud ABERYSTWYTH

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we resist your radiance.

We cling to what is familiar when you invite us to be changed.

We forget to listen.

We forget that grace makes us new.

Forgive us.

Wash us in mercy.

**Restore in us the courage to follow from the mountain
into the world you 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

Vanessa and Phoebe Hunter

First Lesson

Psalm 99

Second Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18 Rev. Dr. Jonathan Walton

Sermon

Distressed and Dignified

Responding to the Word

† Hymn 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

† Affirmation of Faith

ADAPTED FROM THE IMMIGRANT'S CREED

FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP, PC(USA)

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
born away from home,
who fled with his family when his life was in danger,
and who suffered under Pontius Pilate,
a servant of a foreign power,
was unjustly condemned, and put to death.
On the third day he rose from the dead,
offering us citizenship in heaven.
I believe in the resurrection,
when God will unite us as one people—distinct and alike—
and in life eternal, when no one will be an immigrant
and all will be citizens of God's kingdom. Amen.**

Liturgy of Receiving New Members and the Sacrament of Baptism

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, organ

Christ, whose glory fills the skies;
Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise;
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

† 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.**

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

† Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

† Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Walton

† Postlude

Finale, from Organ Sonata No. 1

Florence B. Price



This Week at Central

February 15 - 22, 2026

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)

Monday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 a.m. 9 to 5 Advocacy Day (Tull Hall)
8:30 a.m. Urban League of Young Professionals (Rand Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Stand With Survivors (Tull Hall)
9:00 a.m. Ashes to Go (Washington St.)
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)
9:30 a.m. GA Water Coalition (Taylor)
3:00 p.m. Ashes to Go (Washington St.)
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Foot Clinic
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 19

7:30 a.m. Lupus Foundation Advocacy Day (Tull Hall)
9:00 a.m. Prayer & Parenting Weekly Meet-Up (Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Environmental GA (Greene)

Friday, February 20

Church Office closes at noon

Saturday, February 21

Church Office closed

Sunday, February 22

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens
9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Youth Suite
9:30 a.m. Children's Choir (Nazareth Choir)
9:45 a.m. Issues in Theology Class (Greene)
Sojourners Class (Brotherhood)
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children & Youth
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Tull Hall)
4:30 p.m. Youth Choir (Jerusalem Choir)
5:30 p.m. Youth Group/Shelter Dinner