

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!

FOR THE PUBLIC: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS OF ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, March 3 at 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm. Please join us at The Temple, Schwartz-Goldstein Hall C, for an evening on your First Amendment rights to assemble. Presenters include Bruce Morris, a respected Atlanta litigator, and Eli Echols, an experienced immigration defense lawyer. Topics include the rights of demonstrators, observers, and media, as well as immigrant rights and benefits in immigration court and before DHS. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING. Central is hosting the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Violence Reduction on **Saturday, March 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** for an interactive Trafficking Awareness Training. As Atlanta prepares for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, this two-hour training will be led by experts from Wellspring Living and Tapestry, and will equip participants to recognize human trafficking in all its forms. Scan the QR code to register.



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. Go to Realm to register for the retreat.

This Week at Central

March 1 - 8, 2025

Sunday, March 1
 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)
 Sojourners Class (Brotherhood)
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children & Youth
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 2
 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

Tuesday, March 3
 8:00 a.m. BLKHLTH Day at the Capitol (Rand Chapel)
 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 4
 7:30 a.m. GA Council on Dev. Disabilities (Tull Hall)
 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)
 9:30 a.m. GA Water Coalition (Taylor)
 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Zoom)
 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Foot Clinic
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5
 7:00 a.m. Asian American Advancing Justice 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)
 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee (Zoom)

Friday, March 6
 10:00 a.m. OAC Barbershop Day (OAC)
 Church Office closes at noon

Saturday, March 7
 10:00 a.m. Human Trafficking Training (Tull Hall)

Sunday, March 8
 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)
 Sojourners Class (Brotherhood)
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children & Youth
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir (Jerusalem Choir)
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Allean Brown
 Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul
 Deacon of the Day: Anne Blankinship

Hospitality Team
 Beth Grashof
 Tricia Downing
 Martha Kimes
 Graham Kirkland
 Em McNair
 Anastassia Pons

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

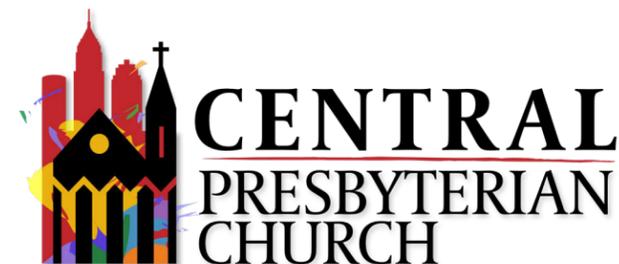
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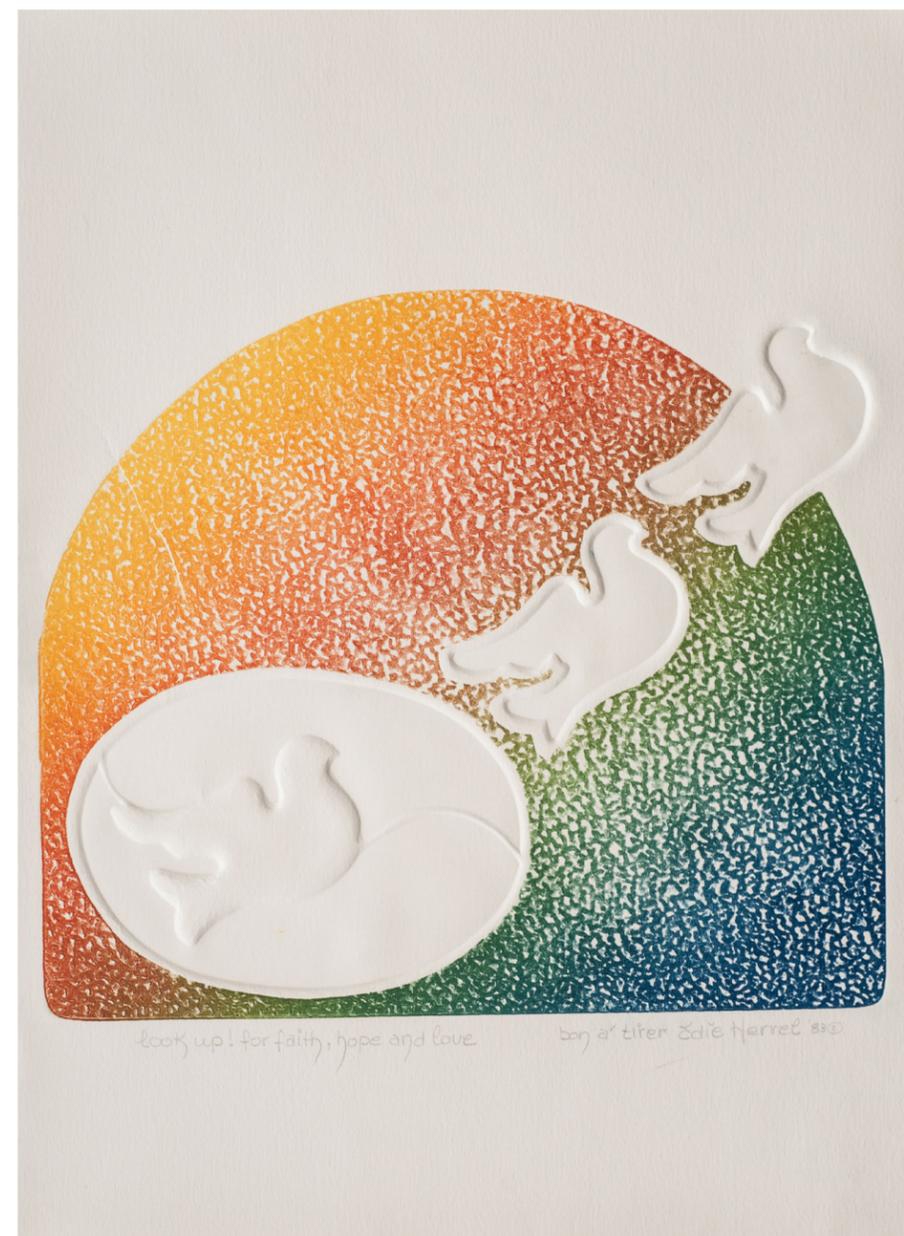
The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
 The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor
 The Rev. Susan Landrum, Associate Pastor
 Thom Dixon, Director of Music & Worship Arts
 Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist
 Kristie Johns, Director of Financial Operations
 Melissa Johnson,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



Second Sunday in Lent
 March 1, 2026
 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Look Up for Faith, Hope & Love, Edie Mae Herrel

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Jesus, Lover Of My Soul* Karen L. Buckwalter
Geneva Handbell Choir, Jim Zellers, flute
Karen Brown, piano

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.

✦ Choral Introit *Be The Change* Mark Kaplan & Colin Britt
Nazareth Choir words adapted from Gandhi
Kelly Grba and Aaron Cummings, conductors
Rand Lines, piano

✦ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver
We lift our eyes, not to power, not to status, not to ourselves...
We lift our eyes to the Holy One who makes and remakes the world.
Our help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth...
The Holy One who does not grow weary of loving creation.
The Holy One keeps watch, in our going out and our coming in...
In our striving and our resting, our courage and our fear.
Christ comes among us not as ruler above, but as servant beside...
Kneeling, washing, loving, calling us friends.
Come and be gathered, be held, be taught the way of love...
We come to worship, ready to receive and ready to serve.

✦ Hymn 45 *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* DUNDEE

Call to Confession

Lenten Prayer of Confession
Holy and faithful God, You are our help and our keeper, yet we confess we often rely only on ourselves. Christ, you kneel to serve, and we resist serving others. We choose comfort over compassion, and we benefit from systems that wound, remaining silent when truth is costly and still when love calls us to act. Wash us again in your mercy. Free us to receive your grace and to serve one another with courage and joy. (Silent Confession) Amen.

Hymn 579 *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)
Lord, have mercy. (Sung three times)
Christ, have mercy. (Sung three times)
Lord, have mercy. (Sung three times)

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✦ Passing of the Peace

✦ Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children Rev. Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination Allean Brown

First Lesson Psalm 121

Second Lesson John 13:1-17 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon **Jesus' Journey Through John**
Washing Their Feet

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* SERVANT SONG

✦ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Susan Landrum
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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Traditional Spiritual
Geneva Handbell Choir arr. Mitchell Eithun

✦ At the Presentation *Lenten Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

✦ Prayer of Dedication Rev. 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 the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
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.

Communion Music *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* TWENTY-FOURTH
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, organ arr. Robert J. Powell

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✦ Hymn 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

✦ Charge and Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✦ Postlude *Fugue in G minor ("Little"), BWV 578* J.S. Bach
Don Papenbrock, organ

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