

**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!

**CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW!** Artwork should be delivered to Tull Hall today, **Sunday, April 26**. The exhibit will be installed the following week and will remain on display through August.

**NEW OFFICER TRAINING.** We will be having our second new officer training for our new Elders and Deacons on **Saturday, May 9** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in Tull Hall. Please mark your calendar.

**INMAN PARK FESTIVAL.** The last day of the festival will happen today, **April 26th** and we hope you have signed up or come to help the Centralites staff our booth (including youth and kids) to help spread the word about Central's mission and participate in our activities like face painting, arts and crafts, and/or games.

**BOOKWORM GATHERING.** Bookworms will meet on **April 28** at the home of Julie and Wade Boggs, 1507 Peachtree Battle Avenue, 30327, at 7:30 p.m., when we will discuss *Happy Land* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. Inspired by the true story of a secret community of formerly enslaved people in the Appalachians, the novel tells two stories, one from the perspective of Happy Land's queen, Luella, in the late 19th century, and the other from the point of view of Nikki, Luella's great-great-great-great granddaughter, as she uncovers her family's ties to this remarkable community, blending fact and fiction in themes of family, memory, and resilience. Questions? Email Linda McCord.

**A FOUR-SESSION ZOOM STUDY: GILEAD.** This spring, Pastor Susan invites you to read *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson—a beloved and theologically rich novel. **Session dates will be 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Over our four one-hour Zoom sessions, we'll explore its reflections on grace, faith, and forgiveness, alongside brief excerpts from Calvin. Participants will read about a quarter of the book each week. A study guide will be shared in advance via Realm and email. All are welcome—no theological background needed, just curiosity and conversation. **Go to Realm to Signup**, get the Zoom link and the study guide.

**LUCY BAUM'S ORDINATION.** Please join us on **Sunday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m.** for the Service of Ordination of Lucy Baum. We invite the entire community to join in celebrating this special day.

## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Gabby Szymanski  
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett  
Deacon of the Day: Martha Kimes

Hospitality Team:  
Beth Grashof  
Ben Evans  
Kathy Harben  
Rachel Hull  
Jackie Randolph  
Mike Sizemore

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

Christian Antwi  
Samuel Ayantor  
Lucy Baum  
Ximena Leroux

## Central Presbyterian Church Staff

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Susan B. Landrum, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Theodore J. Wardlaw, Pastor Emeritus  
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Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation Sunday  
April 26, 2026  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



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# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *The Lord is My Shepherd* Heather Sorenson  
Don Papenbrock, piano

✦ Welcome and Announcements Rev. Susan B. Landrum

Ringing 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 Liam Fields & Bruno Palmer

Day by day, God leads us:  
**to the deep, deep pools of peace,  
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**  
Day by day, Jesus calls us:  
**to pour out ourselves in service,  
to anoint the stranger with hope.**  
Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:  
**the community we can be,  
the family we are called to become.**

✦ Hymn 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

✦ Call to Confession Beth Szymanski & Julia Ashe

✦ Prayer of Confession  
WRITTEN BY GABBY SZYMANSKI

**Holy Creator,  
Every day you call us to do your work in the world.  
You call us to spread peace and joy to all people.  
But we confess that we are only human,  
And we all make mistakes.  
We forget our calling as followers of Christ.  
So, we ask for forgiveness.  
We ask for forgiveness for the mistakes we remember all too well,  
For the actions we regret.  
Let your word wash over us and make us blank slates,  
Not erasing our mistakes,  
But allowing us to do better next time.  
In Jesus's name 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 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.**

# Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Adults Rev. Susan B. Landrum  
and Confirmation Class

Prayer for Illumination Gabby Szymanski

First Lesson Psalm 23

Second Lesson Acts 2:42-47 Ella Davis

Sermon Rev. Susan B. Landrum

# Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn 503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O QUANTA QUALIA

Liturgy of Confirmation Rev. Shannon J. Kershner  
Rev. Kate Culver  
Rev. Susan B. Landrum

Sacrament of Baptism Louisa Watson Kirkland  
daughter of Margaret Watson and Graham Kirkland

✦ Affirmation of Faith Bruno Palmer

ADAPTED FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH  
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls all people to all ministries of the church. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence Guy Palmer

Music at the Offertory *My Song In The Night* arr. Mack Wilberg  
Southern Folk Hymn  
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,  
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day, and my song in the night.

O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,  
Or cry in the desert, Thy face to see?  
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,  
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

✦ 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 Louisa Kirkland

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
Amelia Harbert  
Kai Hilimire  
Louisa Kirkland

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 80 *You Shall Go Out With Joy* THE TREES OF THE FIELDS

**Sing three times.**

✦ Charge and Benediction Rev. Susan B. Landrum  
and Guy Palmer

Postlude *March of Joy* Hans-André Stamm  
Don Papenbrock, organ

## This Week at Central

### April 26 - May 3, 2026

#### Sunday, April 26

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. Children & Youth Sunday  
School Classes  
9:45 a.m. Theology of the Honey Bee,  
Rev. Kate Culver (OAC)  
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday in the  
Sanctuary

#### Monday, April 27

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

#### Tuesday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Bookworm Gathering

#### Wednesday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common  
Ground (Courtyard)  
*Gilead* Study (Zoom)  
12:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Prayer & Parenting Weekly  
Meet-Up (Zoom)  
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

#### Friday, May 1

12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

#### Saturday, May 2

Church Office Closed  
10:00 a.m. Officer Training (Tull Hall)

#### Sunday, May 3

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. Children & Youth Sunday  
School Classes  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Stephen M. Paulsen Memorial  
Service in the Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

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

**Please silence your cellphones.**

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