

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!

A ZOOM STUDY: GILEAD. Pastor Susan invites you to read Marilynne Robinson's *Gilead*, a beloved and theologically rich novel. Join us on **5/6, 5/13, and 5/20 from 12:00–1:00 p.m.** as we explore themes of grace, faith, and forgiveness, with brief excerpts from Calvin. A study guide will be shared via Realm and email. All are welcome—no background needed. Sign up on Realm for the Zoom link and materials.

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.

THE NEW SOUTH FESTIVAL SINGERS. Join us for their annual Bon Voyage Concert before they depart to sing at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina, a tradition they've held annually since 1989! Their program will feature favorites from throughout the choir's 2025-2026 season. **Sunday, May 17 at 2:30** in the Central Pres sanctuary. Tickets available at the door or at www.festivalsingers.org.

LEGACY GIVING DINNER. You're invited to an evening of fellowship, food, and inspiration at Tom and Marcia Holcomb's home on **June 2 at 6:30 p.m.** Enjoy a buffet dinner and a brief presentation on how you can support Central Presbyterian Church's future through legacy giving. Learn simple ways to include Central in your plans. **RSVP by Tuesday, May 19** to Ann Hunter at annhunter126@gmail.com.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE. Join us for the Montreat Youth Conference (Week 1), **June 7–13, 2026!** We'll travel together to Montreat, NC for a week of worship, keynotes, small groups, recreation, and fun. Open to rising 9th graders through graduated seniors. **Sign up on Realm!**

This Week at Central

May 3 - 10, 2026

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 Paulsen Memorial Service in the Sanctuary
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
 3:30 p.m. Endowment Committee (Zoom)
 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Our House Pre-School Graduation (Tull Hall)
 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

Saturday, May 9

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

Sunday, May 10

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. Who Has Time for Joy? Rev. Shannon J. Kershner (OAC Atrium)
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m. Lucy Baum Ordination in the Sanctuary

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Worship Leaders:

Cameron Dake, Elliott Hackshaw, Charlie Wood, Izzy Wood, James Wood, Leland Jefferson, Brianna Stewart, Tyler Bliss, Wiley Lum, Susannah Tusher, Carmen Holden, Freya Holden, Sam Sutton

Tower Bell Ringer:

Althea Brown

Deacon of the Day:

Elizabeth Amos

Musicians:

Bruno Palmer, piano
 Beth Szymanski, violin

Baptism Participants:

Rob Forbes, Session Elder
 Phoebe Hunter, Child Representative

Hospitality Team:

Cameron Dake, Quin Jefferson
 Penelope Lines, Fin Sutton

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
 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, Jerusalem Choir
 Rand Lines, Pianist, Nazareth Choir
 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 of Easter
 Senior Sunday and a
 Celebration of our Children and Youth
 May 3, 2026
 Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Let Your Light Shine, Penelope Lines

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Morning* Edvard Grieg
Bruno Palmer, 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 worshipping God.*

Choral Introit *God Rejoices Over Me* Tracey Craig McKibben
Nazareth Choir, Kelly Grba and Aaron Cummings, conductors
Rand Lines, piano

✠ Call to Worship Cameron Dake & Elliott Hackshaw
We gather together in the presence of God,
the Lord of heaven and earth:
the Creator of our world and everything in it;
the One who gave us life and breath,
the One who is never far away from any of us,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.
Let's worship God together!

✠ Hymn 610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✠ Call to Confession Charlie Wood

✠ Responsive Prayer of Confession Izzy Wood
For the times we spoke before we listened,
Lord, have mercy.
For the times our anger led us instead of our love,
Lord, have mercy.
For loving conditionally when we were made to love freely,
Lord, have mercy.
For the moments we passed by our neighbor without seeing them,
Lord, have mercy.
Teach us to love you with all that we are, and to love our neighbors as
ourselves.
This is our prayer.... (Silent Confession) **Amen**

✠ Assurance of Pardon James Wood & Izzy Wood
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

Prayer for Illumination Leland Jefferson

First Lesson Matthew 5:43-48 Brianna Stewart

Second Lesson Matthew 22:34-40

Third Lesson James 1:19-20

Senior Sermons Tyler Bliss, Wiley Lum & Susannah Tusher

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 729 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A
CHRISTIAN

The Sacrament of Baptism Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Pauline Mary Glidewell-McCain
daughter of Brian Glidewell and Chris McCain

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Susan B. 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.**

Hymn 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS
verses 1, 2 and 5

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and
perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

Offertory Sentence Carmen Holden

Music at the Offertory *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN
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 heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ Prayer of Dedication Freya Holden

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Sam Sutton

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
The Lord be with you Rev. Kate Culver
And also with you. Rev. Susan B. Landrum
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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name thame of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosannain the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of faith!

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

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Now hear us as we continue to pray, saying...

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.*

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 741 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

✠ Charge and Blessing of Seniors Rev. Susan B. Landrum
Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude *Now Praise, My Soul, The Lord* Michael Praetorius
Don Papenbrock, organ

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