

**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!

**BOOKWORM GATHERING.** Bookworms will finish up our program year at **7:00 on May 26** with a potluck supper at the home of Martha Crenshaw, 322 Kenilworth Circle, Stone Mountain, 30083. Julie Boggs will facilitate our discussion about *My Name Is Emilia del Valle* by Isabel Allende, including a Zoom conversation with River Finlay, the producer of an upcoming documentary about Allende. Questions? Contact Linda McCord. **Go to Realm to Signup.**

**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 warm time together and a full buffet dinner, followed by an engaging presentation on legacy giving and how you can make a lasting impact on the future ministries and mission of Central Presbyterian Church. Learn simple, meaningful ways to include Central in your plans and help support its ministry for generations to come. Questions? Contact Ann Hunter at [annhunter126@gmail.com](mailto:annhunter126@gmail.com)

**TOUR OF SOUTH DOWNTOWN** Join us after worship on **June 7th** as we head to South Downtown to explore the exciting and welcoming changes happening in our own neighborhood. We will walk or take the MARTA-A Line shuttle just a few blocks away. You will have your choice of dining options, including pizza, BBQ, Thai, and more. At 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm, we will have two opportunities for a Q&A and a deeper dive into all that is happening with Jon Birdsong, the CEO of SoDo Atlanta! He and his family will be joining us for worship as well! Come and meet the neighborhood in this new and exciting way! **Please go to Realm to RSVP.**

**MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE.** Join us for this year's Montreat Youth Conference, week one! **Sunday June 7 (12:30 pm) to Saturday June 13 (1:30 pm), 2026.** We'll travel together to Montreat, NC and stay in our own housing. We'll take in all that the conference has to offer, including worship, keynote, small groups, rec events, the variety show and more...we'll plan for our free afternoon together and enjoy time all over Montreat! This is open to all rising 9th graders through graduated seniors. It will be a blast! **Go to Realm to signup.**

## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Martha Kimes  
Tower Bell Ringer: Elliott and Kevin Hackshaw  
Deacon of the Day: Marci Bozeman

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



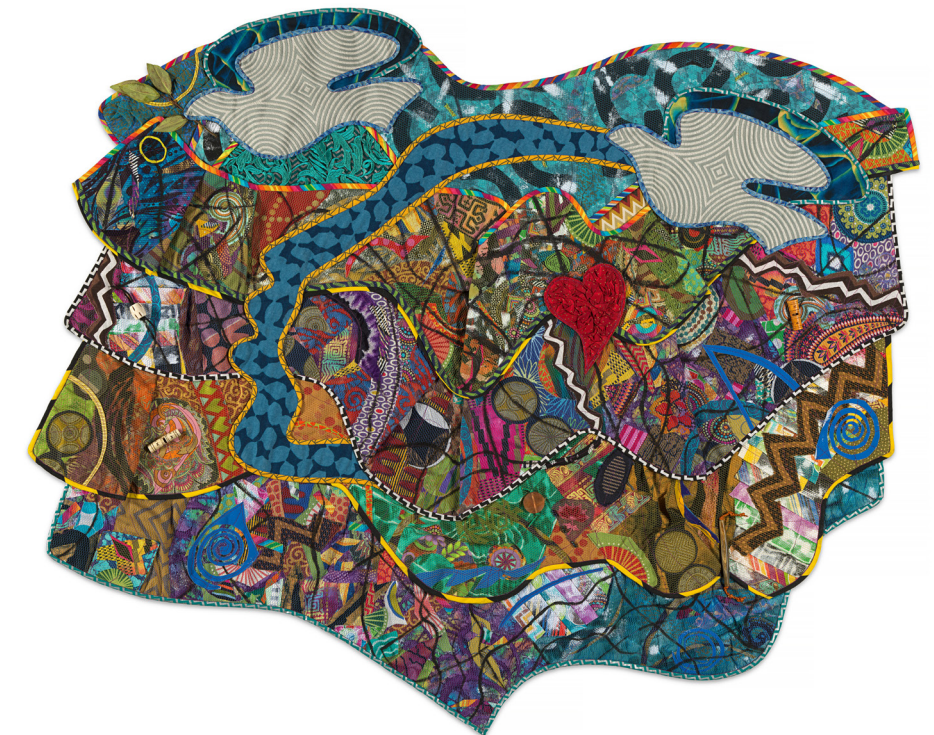
Day of Pentecost  
May 24, 2026  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.

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

Christian Antwi  
Samuel Ayantor  
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  
Dr. 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



*Created To Be Me, Cynthia Lockhart*

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# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *“Fantasia brillante super: ‘Veni Creator Spiritus”* Felix Brauer  
Don Papenbrock, organ

✠ 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.*

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Susan B. Landrum  
In the beginning, God created light and life, sky and sea.  
**The earth was formless, and God’s Spirit hovered, bringing life to all things.**

From the beginning, God is relationship, Creator, Word, and Spirit.  
**We are made in that image, created for connection and community.**

On a mountain in Galilee, the risen Christ gathers the disciples.  
**And sends them out in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer.**

Come, let us worship the Triune God, source of life, word of grace, and spirit of renewal.  
**Let us worship God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.**

✠ Processional Hymn 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* EBENEZER

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession  
**O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints,  
We know you continue to send gifts to us,  
even though we do not claim them.  
We confess that we have not always opened our gifts.  
We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried.  
We confess to you how often our thoughts, motives and actions are  
confused and misdirected, both individually and when we are  
together as your people. Break in on our confusion, and astonish us  
anew, O God! Our prayer is that you will claim us again,  
that we might hear the whisper of the wings of your Spirit dove....  
(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 Children Rev. Susan B. Landrum

Prayer for Illumination Martha Kimes

First Lesson Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson Genesis 11:1-9 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

# Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 407 *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* NUN DANKET ALL/  
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Ordination and Installation of New Officers Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver  
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, Send Your Spirit* Raymond Wise  
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano

Lord, send your Spirit,  
Lord, send your power,  
Lord, send your glory,  
so that we can be used by Thee.

So you can use me, Lord  
until my hands look new;  
Use me, Lord  
until my feet do, too!

Send your Spirit,  
Send your power,  
Send your glory,  
Fall on us!

Lord, send your Spirit!

Lord, send your Spirit,  
Lord, send your power,  
Lord, send your glory,  
so that we can be used by Thee.

✠ At the Presentation

*Doxology*

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**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

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 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude *Finale, from Variations on ‘Veni creator Spiritus’* Maurice Durufle  
Don Papenbrock, organ

## This Week at Central

### May 24 - 31, 2026

#### Sunday, May 24

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary -  
Ordination & Installation of  
Elders and Deacons

#### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

#### Tuesday, May 26

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

#### Wednesday, May 27

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

#### Thursday, May 28

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

#### Friday, May 29

10:00 a.m. OAC Barbershop Day (OAC)  
12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

#### Saturday, May 30

Church Office Closed

#### Sunday, May 31

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

**Please silence your cellphones.**