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!

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**

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: Eleanor Dake
Tower Bell Ringer: Bobbie Paul
Deacon of the Day: Peg Richards

Hospitality Team:
A faithful group of Central Members

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

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Samuel Ayantor
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Trinity Sunday
May 31, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.

In the Beginning, Brian Whelan

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude — *Prelude in G major, Op 105, No 3* — Charles Villiers Stanford
Don Papenbrock, organ

✝ Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Kate Culver

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 — Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
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.

✝ Hymn 1 — *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* — NICAEA

✝ Call to Confession

✝ Prayer of Confession
Holy Mystery, Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
you spoke the world into being and called it good,
yet we confess that we do not always live as people
of that goodness.

You created us for relationship,
but we turn inward.
We choose isolation over community,
fear over trust,
division over love.

You call us to go, to make disciples, to embody your grace in the world,
yet we remain where it is comfortable.
We stay silent when we are called to speak,
and still when you call us to move.

You name us and claim us in love,
yet we forget who we are,
beloved, connected, and sent.

Forgive us.
Breathe your Spirit into us again.
Create in us new hearts,
that we might reflect your life,
a communion of love poured out for the world. … *(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. Shannon J. Kershner

Prayer for Illumination — Eleanor Dake

First Lesson — Genesis 1:1-1:25

Second Lesson — Matthew 28:16-20 — Rev. Kate Culver

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✝ Hymn 298 — *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* — ABBOTT'S LEIGH

✝ Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Adapted from the Confession of 1967
God's reconciling love is at work in the world.
In Jesus Christ, God entered human life and made a new beginning for all people.

We trust in God, who created the world in love
and continues to sustain it with grace.
We trust in Jesus Christ, who lived among us, suffered with us,
and through his life, death, and resurrection reconciles the world to God.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, who renews the church and the world,
calling us to be a community of reconciliation.
The Spirit sends us into the world to proclaim God's love,
to seek justice, and to live as one people.

In this hope, we trust the triune God, whose love creates,
redeems, and sustains all things. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory — *Give To My Eyes, Lord* — Ronald Corp
Thom Dixon, soloist, Don Papenbrock, piano

✝ 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

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 296 — *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* — WONDROUS LIGHT

✝ Charge and Benediction — Rev. Kate Culver

Choral Benediction

Postlude — *Postlud in G major, Op 105, No 2* — Charles Villiers Stanford
Don Papenbrock, organ

This Week at Central

May 31 - June 7, 2026

Sunday, May 31
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 1
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

Tuesday, June 2
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Legacy Giving Dinner at the Holcomb's Home

Wednesday, June 3
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

Thursday, June 4
9:00 a.m. Prayer & Parenting Weekly Meet-Up (Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Friday, June 5
12:00 p.m. Church Office closes

Saturday, June 6
Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 7
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Tour of South Downtown
12:30 p.m. Montreat Youth Conference departs

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