

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 (9:30 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!

SUMMER SERIES: MAKING AND MEANING. All Church Sunday School meets Sundays, **9:45 am to 10:45 am** in the OAC Atrium every Sunday (except for July 4th weekend) through **August 2**. Together we'll explore the connections between faith and creativity through conversations with theologians, artists, architects, and musicians from our Central family. Join us for a summer of beauty, wonder, and reflection on the creative life of faith.

SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR - JULY 26. All are invited to join our final Summer Pick-Up Choir of the season! We'll meet in the sanctuary at 10:20 AM to briefly rehearse. No robes—just come as you are!

NOMINATE SOMEONE TO SERVE. So far we only have ONE nomination! Please consider congregational leadership for the next classes of new elders and deacons. The first step in that process is to elect a Nominating Committee. Read more about the process and share your nominations for the next All Church Nominating Committee by **July 31, 2026**. Scan the QR code to do your nominations or drop the cards in the Narthex in the offering plates.



SAVE THE DATE! Join us for a weekend of fellowship, community-building, and fun in beautiful Montreat! Central Presbyterian Church will host our annual All-Church Retreat at the Montreat Conference Center in beautiful western North Carolina on **September 5 through 7**. This is a time to refresh, rejuvenate, and commune with Central friends - new and old. This year's theme for the retreat is **"Sabbath as Rest & Resistance."** There will also be plenty of time for unstructured fun and relaxation! Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Candler School of Theology, will be our featured speaker.

This Week at Central

July 5 - 12, 2026

Sunday, July 5
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens
10:00 a.m. Trinity UMC Worship
(Rand Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 6
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common
Ground (Courtyard)

Tuesday, July 7
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)

Wednesday, July 8
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common
Ground (Courtyard)
10:00 a.m. Camp Wieuca Hotdog Day for
the OAC (Courtyard)

Thursday, July 9
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. WMA Committee (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)

Friday, July 10
Church Office closes at noon

Saturday, July 11
Church Office closed

Sunday, July 12
8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens
9:45 a.m. Summer Series (OAC)
10:00 a.m. Trinity UMC Worship
(Rand Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Neil and Marion Satterfield
Interment (Memorial Garden)

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Keenan Rodgers
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown
Deacon of the Day: Hugh Landrum

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

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
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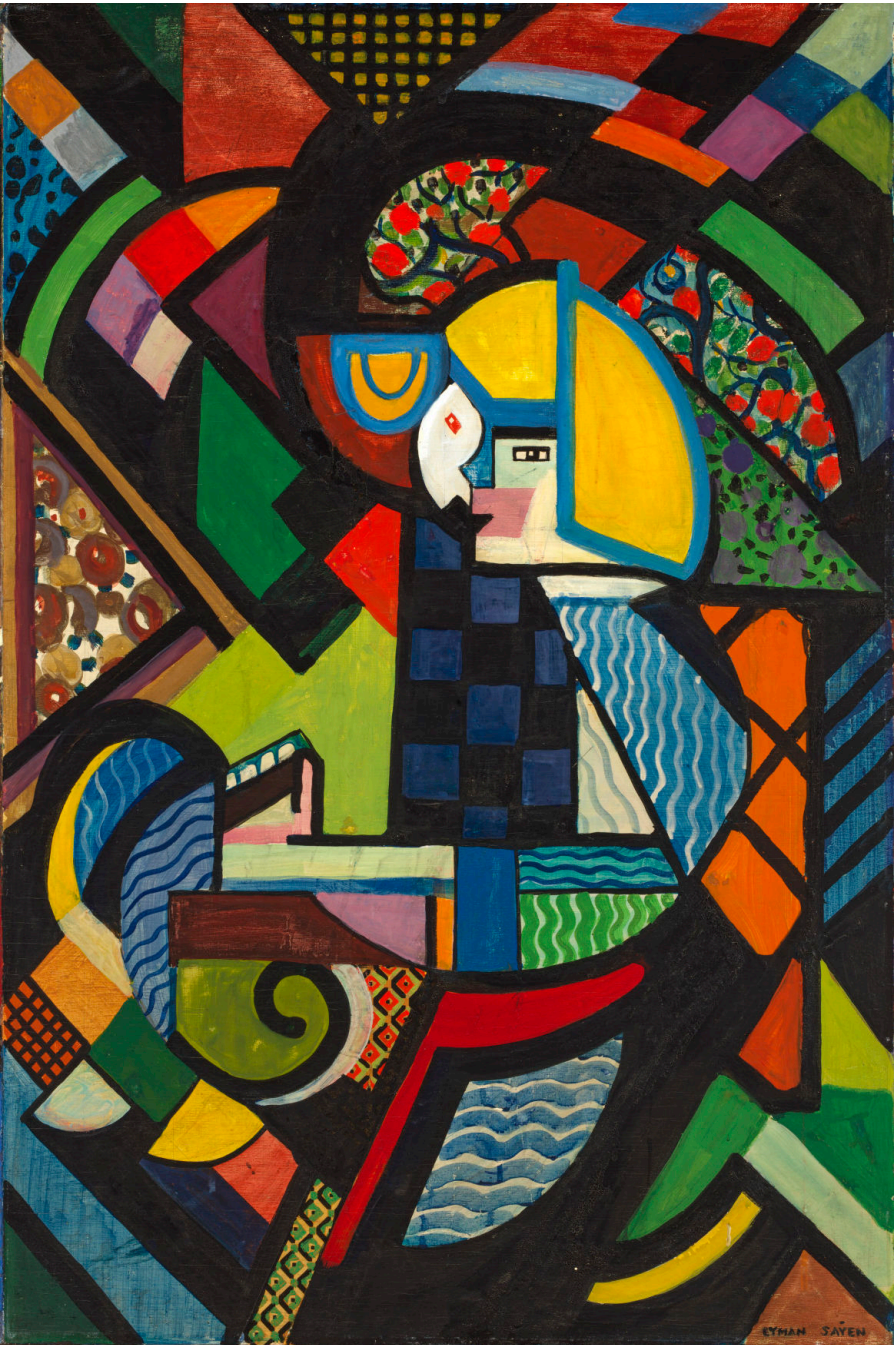




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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Daughter in a Rocker, H. Lyman Sayen

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude	<i>Organ Prelude on 'Materna'</i> Don Papenbrock, organ	Emma Lou Diemer
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Ringin g of the Bell		
	<i>As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.</i>	
✠ Call to Worship		Rev. Kate Culver
BASED ON PSALM 96 O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Declare God's glory among the nations; tell all the people of God's marvelous works. Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign! God will judge the peoples with equity. Let us worship God.		
✠ Hymn 756	<i>O God Of Every Nation</i>	LLANGOFFEN
✠ Call to Confession		
✠ Prayer of Confession		
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.... <i>(Silent Confession)</i> Amen.		
✠ Assurance of Pardon		
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!		
✠ Passing of the Peace		
✠ Hymn 582	<i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i>	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.		
<i>During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.</i>		
Proclaiming the Word		
A Time with Children		Rev. Susan B. Landrum
Prayer for Illumination		Keenan Rodgers
First Lesson		Psal m 45:10–17

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

Second Lesson Matthew 11:25–30 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 182	<i>I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say</i>	KINGSFOLD
✠ Affirmation of Faith		Rev. Susan B. Landrum
DEUTERONOMY 10:17-21 (CEB) The Lord our God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. God enacts justice for orphans and widows, and God loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means we must also love immigrants because we were immigrants in Egypt. We will revere the Lord our God, serve God, cling to God, swear by God's name alone! God is our praise, and God is our God—the one who performed these great and awesome acts that we witnessed with our very own eyes.		
Offertory Sentence		
Music at the Offertory	<i>Come To Me, O Weary Traveler</i> Janet Abercrombie, soloist Don Papenbrock, piano	Words by Sylvia Dunstan Music by Bob Moore
Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.		
Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light; do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.		
Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.		
Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.		
Rest in me. Take my yoke. Do not fear. Come to me.		

✠ At the Presentation	<i>Doxology</i>	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		Rev. Susan B. 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

Holv. Holv. Holv

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.

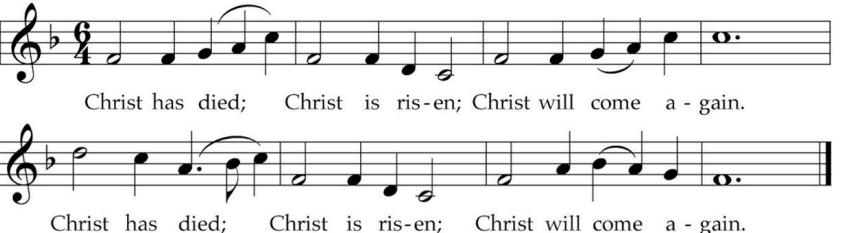
... Great is the mystery of faith!

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.

Prayer After Communion

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 536	<i>Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen</i>	SURGE ECCLESIA
✠ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
✠ Postlude	<i>Finale Fugue on 'America'</i> Don Papenbrock, organ	Max Reger