

WELCOME TO CENTRAL! During your online visit today, we hope you feel the presence of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we worship God together. Please fill out the online Friendship Pads, 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! The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Oglesby building, behind the sanctuary.

SUMMER SERIES: MAKING AND MEANING. All Church Sunday School meets Sundays, **9:45 am to 10:45 am** in the OAC Atrium every Sunday through **August 9**. 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.

NOMINATE SOMEONE TO SERVE. It is time to begin considering 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.



MISSION OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. This summer we're highlighting Foreverfamily (an organization selected by Central's Pollard & Covenant Grant Committee), which serves children and families impacted by parental incarceration. Central is partnering with Foreverfamily's Back-to-School Drive, and we invite you to help by donating much-needed school supplies on our day of **Blessing of the Backpacks on August 2nd**. Foreverfamily welcomes all backpack donations, whether clear or solid. Because school requirements vary by district and grade level, children can choose the backpack that meets their school's policy. Needed items include:

Backpacks	Lunch Boxes	Pencil boxes/pouches
No. 2 Pencils	Colored Pencils	Permanent markers
Scissors	Highlighters	Markers
Spiral Notebooks	Permanent Markers	Index Cards
Tissue Boxes or packs	Loose-Leaf Paper	Erasers
Hand Sanitizer	Calculators	Rulers
Two Pocket Folder	Three-ring Binders	Pens

SUMMER SINGERS OF ATLANTA. Mark your calendars for a wonderful afternoon of music on **Sunday, August 2nd, 4 pm** at the Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church. The Summer Singers of Atlanta will present Arthur Honegger's 1923 symphonic psalm KING DAVID. The work is highly dramatic and features soprano, mezzo and tenor soloists, chorus, wind ensemble, and a narrator. Tickets available at the door or at www.festivalsingers.org/concerts.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. We will be having a congregational meeting to vote on new members for the Nominating Committee on **August 16** immediately following worship.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN! 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 "Exploring Sabbath in a Chaotic World." There will also be plenty of time for unstructured fun and relaxation! Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Candler School of Theology, will be our featured speaker. **Please go to Realm to register.**

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Amanda Smith
Tower Bell Ringer: David Leonard
Deacon of the Day: Wade Boggs

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
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
Kristie Johns, Director of Financial Operations
Melissa Johnson, Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator
John White, Facilities Manager
Abraha Diedre, Custodian
Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist
Karen Brown, Pianist, Jerusalem Choir
Rand Lines, Pianist, Nazareth Choir
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Give

You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at www.cpcatlanta.org or using the QR code.



9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Reminiscence of a Cathedral, Frantisek Kupka

Prelude	<i>Make Me A Blessing</i> Don Papenbrock, piano	Mary McDonald
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan B. Landrum
Ringin' of the Bell	<i>As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipin' God.</i>	

✠ Hymn 405 *Praise God for This Holy Ground* HEYMONYSTRAAT

✠ Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD
(Vasile)

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

A Time with Children		Rev. Susan B. Landrum
Prayer for Illumination		Amanda Smith
First Lesson	Acts 4:32-37	
Second Lesson	Exodus 35:4-21	Rev. Susan B. Landrum
Sermon		

✠ Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Linstead

Music at the Offertory *Order My Steps* Glenn Burleigh
Khadijah Davis, soloist
Summer Pick Up Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano

Order my steps in Your Word,
Order my tongue in Your Word,
Wash my heart in Your Word,
Guide my feet in Your Word,
Show me how to walk in Your Word,
Show me how to talk in Your Word,
When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let your praises ring, in Your Word.

✠ Hymn 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

Postlude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* John A. Behnke
Don Papenbrock, organ

Sunday, July 26		Thursday, July 30	
8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry	10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)
9:30 a.m.	Nursery Opens	Friday, July 31	
9:45 a.m.	Summer Series (OAC)	12:00 p.m.	Church Office closes
10:00 a.m.	Trinity UMC Worship (Rand Chapel)	Saturday, August 1	
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary	Church Office Closed	
Monday, July 27		Sunday, August 2	
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)	8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Ministry
Tuesday, July 28		9:30 a.m.	Nursery Opens
10:00 a.m.	Moments of Movement (Zoom)	9:45 a.m.	Summer Series (OAC)
3:30 p.m.	Endowment Committee (Zoom)	10:00 a.m.	Trinity UMC Worship (Rand Chapel)
Wednesday, July 29		11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)		

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