

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.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF! Please join us for our launch of the youth group year for 2026-2027 on **Sunday night, August 16 at 5:00 p.m.**, at Central! Parents and families are invited! We'll have dinner together (Chipotle), get to know one another, welcome our incoming 6th graders, and while parents are sent off somewhere to hang out and socialize, the youth will create their covenant for the year! We're looking forward to it. **Please RSVP in Realm.**

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

JOIN US FOR A COURSE IN COMMUNITY! We are partnering with The Candler Foundry to host **Kirk and Covenant: Scotland's Reformation and the Roots of Presbyterianism**. We will have three sessions on Sundays, **August 16, 23 and 30 in the OAC Atrium at 9:45 a.m.** These classes will be facilitated by Dr. Chelsea Williams, Pitts Librarian, Chandler School of Theology.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just choir-curious, now is the perfect time to jump in! The Central Presbyterian Chancel Choir begins a new program year with a fun, music-filled Choir Camp, a two-day retreat focused on community, connection, and the joy of singing together.
Friday, August 15 | 7:00–9:00 PM at Central Presbyterian
Saturday, August 16 | 9:30 AM–4:00 PM at Emory Presbyterian
We will be having a post-Choir Camp gathering and the location will soon be determined. We will need to know if you will attend both Friday and Saturday, want to order lunch on Saturday, and if you will join us for the post Choir Camp Gathering. This is a fantastic chance to explore your voice, meet new friends, and experience the magic of choral singing—no pressure, just joy! **Go to Realm to Signup.**

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! We're especially excited to share this year's retreat with our friends from Covenant Presbyterian Church! 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: Martha Haythorn
Tower Bell Ringer: Chantal Tusher
Deacon of the Day: Dane Jefferson
Musician: Kyle Jones, soprano saxophone

Hospitality Team
Beth Grashof
Martha Haythorn
Kathy Kohn
Norm Kohn
Kathy McCloud
Isabelle Werber

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
Aaron Cummings, Music Intern
Kirk Louis, Sunday Operations Coordinator
Josh Smith, Audio Engineer
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Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Jesus speaks about forgiveness (Cameroon), Jesus Mafa

