

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

Central has a 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! The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the Oglesby building, behind the sanctuary.

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.**

Joint Worship with Trinity United Methodist Church.

If you're not attending the Central All Church Retreat, we'd love for you to join us for a special joint worship service with Trinity United Methodist Church on **Sunday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m.** in Rand Chapel. Come worship together, meet Trinity's new pastor, Rev. Dr. Nora Colmenares, and enjoy fellowship with our friends at Trinity. All are welcome!

Rally Day: Come. Connect and Get Involved!

Join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, September 13**, following worship in Tull Hall! Enjoy a delicious Das BBQ lunch, learn about Central's committees, programs, and fellowship opportunities, and discover ways to get involved and connect with our church community. Come find your place at Central! The playground will be open for the kids, too! **Please go to Realm and signup for lunch.**

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Jackie Randolph
Tower Bell Ringer: Elliott and Kevin Hackshaw
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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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*
Josh Smith, *Audio Engineer*
Jamel Morris-Barclay, *Audio Assistant*
Sarah Anderson, *Video Production Manager*
Toby Abrelate, *Video Assistant*
Dean Hammond, *Volunteer Technology Director*



Landscape with Road and Trees, William H. Johnson

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word			Proclaiming the Word			Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		
Prelude			A Time with Children			TRADITIONAL		
In Paradisum			Rev. Susan B. Landrum			Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.		
Don Papenbrock, organ			Prayer for Illumination			Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.		
Rev.Shannon J. Kershner			Jackie Randolph			Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,		
Welcome and Announcements			First Lesson			as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but		
Rev.Shannon J. Kershner			Psalm 31:1-5			deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and		
Ring of the Bell			Second Lesson			the glory, forever. Amen.		
As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world			John 14:1-7			Bearing and Following the Word into the World		
that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner			❖ Hymn 268		
Rev. Susan B. Landrum			Do I Really Have to Believe That?			Crown Him with Many Crowns		
Rev. Susan B. Landrum			Heaven			DIADEMATA		
❖ Call to Worship			Responding to the Word			❖ Charge and Benediction		
Based on Psalm 31			❖ Hymn 175			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
Come, people of God!			Seek Ye First			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
Take refuge in the Lord!			LAFFERTY			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
Who listens when we cry out,			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
Who rescues us when we call, and			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
who leads and guides us			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
according to their unfailing love.			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
You are our God;			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
Our lives are in your hands.			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
Let’s worship God together!			Rev. Kate Culver			Rev. Shannon J. Kershner		
❖ Hymn 394			Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation			Westminster Abbey		
❖ Call to Confession			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
❖ Prayer of Confession			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
Holy and gracious God, we are grateful for your unending guidance.			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
Through Christ, your way is revealed. And yet, we wander. Forgive			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
us when we are lost. Forgive us when we stray from the way of love,			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
when we lose sight of the journey for justice, when we ignore our			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
neighbor. Find us in the wilderness and grant us the courage to fol-			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
low you again and again.... (Silent Confession) Amen.			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
❖ Assurance of Pardon			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
❖ Passing of the Peace			Westminster Abbey			Westminster Abbey		
❖ Hymn 582			Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me			GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)		
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