

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.

A Sacred Pilgrimage to Scotland

From **September 29 through October 10**, our pilgrimage will take us to the sacred spaces of Scotland and the holy island of Iona. Along the way, we will worship with local congregations, explore the bold legacy of the Scottish Reformation and Presbyterian tradition, and listen to the stories that have shaped our faith. Together, we will make space to listen for God’s presence and guidance. Rev. Shannon Kershner, Rev. Kate Culver, and 30 members of Central will share in this special journey of faith, fellowship, and discovery. While Rev. Kershner and Rev. Culver are away, Rev. Susan B. Landrum will lovingly lead our congregation, worship, and pastoral care. Please reach out to Rev. Susan if you need support, prayer, or a listening ear.

Edith Pageaud in Concert at Central

Join us for an extraordinary evening of classical guitar with Edith Pageaud, a prize-winning French guitarist captivating audiences around the world. Her program journeys through centuries and styles, featuring music by Glass, Biber, Schubert, and Messiaen. The concert will be on **Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Volunteer Ushers Needed!** We need 5–6 ushers to help welcome guests. Ushers will enjoy the concert free of charge! To volunteer, contact Melissa Johnson at mjohnson@cpcatlanta.org. **Special Offer:** Members of our community receive 20% off tickets with code CONGREGATION. Scan the QR code for tickets.



Join Us for Lunch on World Communion Sunday

Following worship on **October 4**, World Communion Sunday, we invite the whole congregation to gather around the table for a special time of fellowship and celebration. We’ll share a delicious Mediterrean meal with our friends from Trinity United Methodist Church, continuing the joy of worshiping and growing together as neighbors and partners in faith. If you would like, you are invited to bring a sweet treat that reflects your culture, heritage, or family traditions to share with your friends at Central and Trinity. Come enjoy good food, warm conversation, and the gift of Christian community as we celebrate the unity that connects us across traditions, congregations, and around the world. Everyone is welcome—come join us! **Please go to Realm to sign up.**

Lost and Found: A Compassionate Guide to Homeownership by Mercury Stardust

The Trans Handy Ma’am is back—and this time, she’s buying a house! Join us as she brings her loyal audience along for the journey, sharing the ups, downs, and adventures of becoming a homeowner. The event will take place in our Sanctuary on **Tuesday, October 6**. Doors open at **6:15 p.m.**, with the program beginning at **7:00 p.m.** This event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Please scan the QR code to register. Following the event, there will be a book signing with an opportunity for photos. **Please note: This is a mask-required event. Charis will provide masks for all attendees.**



Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Eleanor Dake
Tower Bell Ringer: David Leonard
Deacon of the Day: Rob Forbes

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
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John White, Facilities Manager
Abraha Derie, 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 Abrelat, Video Assistant
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director



Untitled (Roots, Branches and Wall), Frank McClure

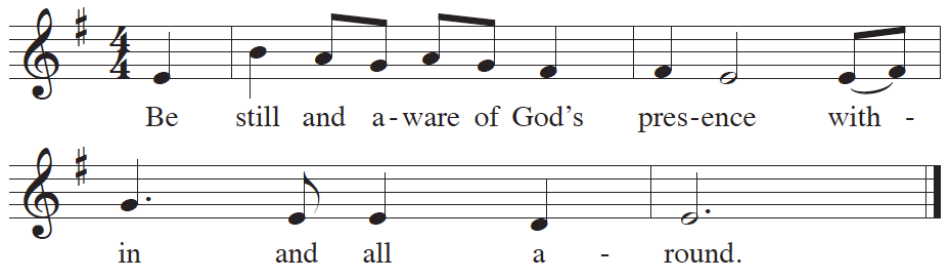
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18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word		
Prelude	Rubrics IV: "The Peace may be exchanged" Don Papenbrock, organ	Dan Locklair
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	
Ringling of the Bell		
As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.		
Centering Prayer	Be Still and Aware Sing three times	Sally Ann Morris
		
❖ Call to Worship	Rev. Susan B. Landrum	
BASED ON PSALM 24 The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it! From the east to the west, from the north to the south, God’s Spirit moves across the face of the earth. From the east to the west, from the north to the south, We gather together, united by God’s Spirit, to celebrate God’s glory, revealed to us in Christ! Let’s worship God together! Amen!		
❖ Hymn 342	Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor	RHUDDLAN
❖ Call to Confession		
❖ Prayer of Confession	Steadfast and loving God, in you we find guidance. Through you, we are called to steward this world towards justice. Too often, we wander far from this path, building walls so that we can’t even find our way back. We ignore and turn away from the places and people that call out with deep need. We ignore and turn away from the ways that your love requires us to respond to the hurting world with righteous compassion. We ignore the burdens and anxieties that overwhelm us, causing us to turn away from you and towards ourselves. We come seeking your renewed guidance in Christ, your renewed vigor in the Holy Spirit, and your never-ending loving kindness.... (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 623	I've Got Peace like a River	PEACE LIKE A RIVER
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.		
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During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.		
Proclaiming the Word		
A Time with Children	Rev. Susan B. Landrum	
Prayer for Illumination	Eleanor Dake	
First Lesson	Psalm 24	
Second Lesson	Amos 7:1-9	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner
Sermon	How Firm a Foundation <i>Holding the (Plumb) Line</i>	
Responding to the Word		
❖ Hymn 357	The Days Are Surely Coming	LLANGLOFAN
❖ Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Kate Culver	
APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.		
Commissioning of Pilgrimage Participants	Rev. Susan B. Landrum	
Offertory Sentence	Rev. Kate Culver	
Music at the Offertory	Let This Mind Be In You Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano	Craig Courtney
Text from Philippians 2: 5 - 11, alt.		
Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in human likeness: and being found in human fashion, he humbled himself, became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.		
Wherefore God has raised him up, and given him a name above all names; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, whether in heaven or earth or under the earth; that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Let this mind be in you, which was in Lord Jesus Christ.		
❖ 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 100	My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout	STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
❖ Charge and Benediction	Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	
Please sing along if you would like. May God bless you and keep you. May God make God's face to shine upon you. May God be gracious and give you peace forever and ever.		
Postlude	Rubrics V: "And the people respond – Amen!" Don Papenbrock, organ	Dan Locklair
This Week at Central		
September 27 - October 4, 2026		
Sunday, September 27 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Family Lounge 9:30 a.m. Nazareth Choir 9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m. Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room) 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 12:30 p.m. Jerusalem Bell Choir		Thursday, October 1 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom) 7:30 p.m. Edith Pageaud Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday, September 28 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)		Friday, October 2 12:00 p.m. Church Office closes
Tuesday, September 29 10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)		Saturday, October 3 Church Office Closed
Wednesday, September 30 9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard) 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal		Sunday, October 4 8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry 9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens 9:15 a.m. Doughnuts in the Family Lounge 9:30 a.m. Nazareth Choir 9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m. Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room) 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 12:00 p.m. World Communion Sunday Congregational Lunch with Trinity UMC