

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

❖ Hymn 287	<i>Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading</i>	NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA
❖ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Susan B. Landrum
Postlude	<i>Toccata on "Highland Cathedral"</i>	Hans-André Stamm Don Papenbrock, organ



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.

Worship Time Change for Pride Sunday

We're excited to make it easier for everyone to worship together and celebrate Atlanta Pride! On **Sunday, October 11, worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.**, giving everyone who would like to participate in the Pride Parade plenty of time to join us afterward. Look forward for details about lunch and the parade coming soon!

Join Us Today for Lunch on World Communion Sunday

Following worship today we invite the whole congregation to gather around the table for a special time of fellowship and celebration. We'll share a delicious Mediteranean meal with our friends from Trinity United Methodist Church. **Everyone is welcome—come join us!**

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 public, but registration is requested. Please scan the QR code to register.



Central Women Gathering

Central Women are invited to gather **Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at Meena's Manor in Kirkwood for an evening of fellowship, conversation, and shared supper. Address to follow! Our host, Sagdrina Brown Jalal, founder of Sage D Collective, will lead a conversation with several Pollard/Covenant Foundation grant recipients about community, "third spaces," belonging, and how we give and receive support. Come enjoy this beautiful community space, share a meal, and connect with Central Women! **Go to Realm to Signup.**

Calling all Bookworms

All Centralites are invited to join us as our book club, Bookworms, meets on **Tuesday, October 27**, for a revealing conversation about the fascinating memoir, *I Dared to Hope*, with author (and Centralite) Oscar McLeod. We'll gather at 7:30 PM at the home of **Linda and Martin Lehfeltdt**, where Oscar and his co-author, Martin, will lead our discussion about this intriguing story about Oscar's remarkable history with numerous political and faith leaders of national renown. **To let us know that you plan to attend, go to Realm to signup.** If you have questions, email **Linda McCord**.

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish
Lector: Caroline Tusher
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown
Deacon of the Day: Jackie Randolph

Hospitality Team:
Hugh Landrum
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
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Karen Brown, Pianist, Jerusalem Choir
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Procession, John August Swanson

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word			
Prelude	Song of the Laborer Don Papenbrock, piano	J. Harold Brown	
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Susan B. Landrum	
Ringin g of the Bell	As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping God.		
Centering Prayer	Be Still and Aware (sing three times)	Sally Ann Morris	
Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around.			
Choral Introit	Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace) Nazareth Choir, Aaron Cummings, conductor, Rand Lines, piano	Glenda E. Franklin	
✦ Call to Worship		Elizabeth Amos	
We come together to worship God, Whose deeds we remember with wonder! We meditate on the work of God, Whose way is holy, whose love is steadfast! We worship the God who works wonders, Drawing us together in communion with the Holy Spirit. We come to the table of God's grace, To be fed and united in God's wonder and love. Amen!			
✦ Hymn 317	In Christ There Is No East or West	MC KEE	
✦ Call to Confession		Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish	
✦ Prayer of Confession	All: Holy One, hear our prayer. In the night we cry out to you. Witness our heartache and defend us.		
Center & Choir: Holy One, hear our prayer. Search our hearts and grant us humility.			
Font side: Bring to justice those whose words have bitten and wounded us,			
Organ side: Those whose lives have broken our trust, and those who use their freedom to seek their own comfort at the cost of others.			
All: And if we have strayed from your way, correct us.			
Font side: Correct us if we have used our power and influence to gain more for ourselves, or failed to love our neighbor as ourselves.			
All: When our steps falter, we remember your wonders of old. You made a path through the sea, though your footprints were unseen. Forgive us, and root us in your steadfast love. Uproot in us all that is selfish and unkind, and grow in us the fruit of your Spirit, that we may keep in step with you. In Christ's name we pray... (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		Caroline Tusher	
First Lesson	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20		
Second Lesson	Galatians 5:13-25	Rev. Susan B. Landrum	
Sermon	How Firm a Foundation Church Is a Group Project		
Responding to the Word			
✦ Hymn 526	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	LINSTEAD	
✦ Affirmation of Faith		Isabelle Wood	
ADAPTED FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.			
Offertory Sentence			
Music at the Offertory	Morning Has Broken Jerusalem Handbells, Karen Brown, piano	arr. Jason Krug	
✦ 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			
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			
Holy, Holy, Holy 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			
At the usher's direction, proceed to the servers at the front of your section. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake of the elements, then continue to your left and down the aisle to your pew. Gluten-free ele- ments are available at the center section from the second pair of servers. If you would prefer to remain seated, let the usher know so you can be served at your pew.			
Music During Communion	Anta Atheemon (You Are A Great God)	Ziad Srouji, arr. Greg Schree Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano	
Arabic: Anta atheemon ya Allah. Atheemon, fi mahabatika, atheemon, fi amanatika. Atheemon, fi tahririka, atheemon, aydin fi, shefaika.			
English: You are a great God, a mighty God. How great you are. You are a great God in unfailing love, a great God in your faithfulness. A great God in deliverance, a great God in your mighty healing power.			
Prayer After Communion			