

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.

Join The New South Festival Singers

Join The New South Festival Singers on today at 2:30 p.m. as they open their 42nd season with All Creation Sings, a celebration of the beauty, wonder, and interconnectedness of the world around us. Through music spanning generations and traditions, the concert invites us to listen more deeply and celebrate the wonder of creation through song.

Calling All Bookworms

All Centralites are invited! Join Bookworms on Tuesday, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. for a fascinating conversation about I Dared to Hope, the memoir of Centralite Oscar McLeod. Oscar and co-author Martin will lead our discussion of Oscar’s remarkable life and connections with nationally renowned political and faith leaders. We’ll gather at Linda and Martin Lehfeldt’s home, 2329 Venetian Dr. SW. Please sign up on Realm to attend. Questions? Contact Linda McCord.

Central Young Adults Dinner

Come gather at Rev. Susan’s home for a warm evening of dinner, fellowship, and conversation! We’ll enjoy a meal together while making space to talk. We’d love to have you join us! Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up through Realm.

Congregational BBQ Lunch

On Sunday, November 1, after worship, let’s gather around the table for a delicious DAS BBQ meal and a joyful time of fellowship with our Central family. Come share a meal, connect with friends, and celebrate growing together in faith and community! Please sign up on Realm. We hope to see you there!

An All Saints' Worship Service

On Sunday, November 1 at 2:30 p.m. join us for a beautiful afternoon of music, remembrance, and hope as the combined choirs and clergy of Central, Covenant and Morningside Presbyterian Churches lead us in worship. The service will feature Gabriel Fauré’s Requiem. Come and be renewed through song and community on this sacred day of remembrance at Morningside Presbyterian, 1411 North Morningside Drive, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306.

Antoine Boyer and Yeore Kim Concert at Central

Join us for a wonderful evening with guitarist Antoine Boyer and harmonica player Yeore Kim on Sunday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Blending jazz, classical music, and improvisation, this dynamic duo creates an intimate and lyrical sound filled with elegance, emotion, and freedom. 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.



Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Lector: Amanda Smith
Tower Bell Ringer: David Leonard
Deacon of the Day: Hugh Landrum

Hospitality Team:
Beth Grashof
Ben Evans
Kathy Harben
Rachel Hull
Jackie Randolph
Mike Sizemore
Amanda Smith

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
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Pathways to God, Edie Mae Herrel

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word			Proclaiming the Word			At the PresentationDoxologyLASST UNS ERFREUEN		
Prelude	Fantasie "Een Vaste Burg is onze God" Don Papenbrock, organ	Jan Zwart	A Time with Children		Rev. Kate Culver	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!		
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. ShannonJ. Kershner	Prayer for Illumination		Amanda Smith			
Ringing of the Bell			First Lesson	Romans 3:19-28				
	As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping God.		Second Lesson	John 8:31-36	Rev. ShannonJ. Kershner	Prayer of Dedication		
Sermon		Freedom				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.		
Centering Prayer Hymn 466Come and Fill Our HeartsCONFITEMINI DOMINO Choir will sing melody first, then please join four times though.			Responding to the Word			Bearing and Following the Word into the World		
❖ Call to Worship		Rev. Kimberly J. Parker	❖ Hymn 707	Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord	HALL			
Jesus says, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples.” We come to be rooted again in the Word of God. Christ speaks truth that sets us free. Free from fear, free from striving, free to live by grace. Across generations, God has renewed the church, calling us again and again to deeper faithfulness. May God reform our hearts, renew our witness, and lead us in the way of Christ. Come, let us worship God.			❖ Affirmation of Faith 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.			❖ Hymn 772Live Into HopeTRURO		
❖ Hymn 275	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	EIN' FESTE BURG	Offertory Sentence			❖ Charge and Benediction		
❖ Call to Confession			Music at the OffertoryA Mighty Fortress Is Our Godarr. Kyle Pederson Chancel Choir, Keenan Rogers, guitar Don Papenbrock, piano			PostludeFestal Finale Don Papenbrock, organ		
❖ Prayer of Confession	God of grace and truth, you call your church to remain in your word and to live in the freedom of Christ. Yet we confess that we resist being changed. We cling to traditions when they become more important than love, to certainty when you call us to faith,and to our own ways when your Spirit is leading somewhere new. We forget that your grace is a gift, not something we earn or control. We forget that the church belongs to you, not to us. Forgive us, O God. Reform what has grown rigid, renew what has grown weary, and set us free to follow Christ with courage, humility, and joy.... (Silent Confession) Amen.		A Mighty Fortress is our God, a refuge never failing. Our helper He amid the flood of mortal winds prevailing. For still our spirit's foes doth seek to work us woe; They lure with pow'r so great, with judgement and with hate; Shield us e'er, guard us as Thine own.			This Week at Central October 25 - November 1, 2026		
❖ Assurance of Pardon	Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!		If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus it is He. Emmanuel His name, from age to age the same; Who was, Who is, Who e'er shall be.			Sunday, October 25		
❖ Passing of the Peace			Thy Word above all earthly pow'r; Thy Love above all earthly pow'r; Thy Hope above all earthly pow'r; My God above all earthly pow'r. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still. The Kingdom is forever.			Wednesday, October 28		
❖ Hymn 329	God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength	WINCHESTER OLD				Thursday, October 29		
God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid, and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;						Friday, October 30		
Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.						Saturday, October 31		
During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.						Sunday, November 1		
❖ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable. Please silence your cellphones.						Monday, October 26		
						Tuesday, October 27		