Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✥ Hymn 326	*For All the Saints*	SINE NOMINE
✥ Charge and Benediction		Rev. Shannon J. Kersner

(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	*Gaudeamus*	Sidney Campbell

Don Papenbrock, organ

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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.

Congregational BBQ Lunch

Join us today after worship and let's gather around the table for a delicious DAS BBQ meal and a joyful time of fellowship with our Central family. Share a meal, connect with friends, and celebrate growing together in faith and community! We hope to see you there!

An All Saints' Worship Service

We hope you will join us this afternoon 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**.

Nominations Needed

It's time to nominate Deacons, Ruling Elders, and members of the Nominating Committee! Please pray about whom God may be calling to serve — including yourself. Submit nominations no later than **Thursday, November 5**, by scanning the QR code. The Class of 2030 officers and 2027 nomination committee members will be elected at the Annual Meeting in February.

Lunch and Tour of South Downtown

Join us after worship on **November 8** as we head to South Downtown to explore the exciting and welcoming changes happening in our own neighborhood. We will walk or take the MARTA-A Line shuttle just a few blocks away. You will have your choice of dining options, including pizza, BBQ, Thai, and more. At 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm, we will have two opportunities for a Q&A and a deeper dive into all that is happening with Jon Birdsong, the CEO of SoDo Atlanta! Come and meet the neighborhood in this new and exciting way! **Please go to Realm to RSVP.**

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Marci Bozeman
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown
Deacon of the Day: Bobbi Paul

Hospitality Team:
Beth Grashof
Tricia Downing
Martha Kimes
Graham Kirkland
Em McNair
Jan DeLong

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 Derie, Custodian
Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist
Karen Brown, Pianist, Jerusalem Choir
Rand Lines, Pianist, Nazareth Choir
Aaron Cummings, Music Intern
Josh Smith, Lead Audio Technician
Jamel Morris-Barclay, Audio Technician
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Christian Davis, Production Technician
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All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *"We love the place, O God"* Ernest A. Dicks
Don Papenbrock, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringing 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
Hymn 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* CONFITEMINI DOMINO
Choir will sing melody first, then please join four times though.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

✣ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver
God has given us a spirit not of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline.
We come to remember the faith that lives within us.
God calls us to kindle the gifts we have been given, to trust the grace of God, and to live with courage.
We come to be strengthened for lives of faithfulness and love.
So, bring your questions, your hopes, your weariness, and your gifts.
Together, let us worship the God who calls us and gives us grace.

✣ Hymn 731 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* REPTON

✣ Call to Confession

✣ Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, you have placed gifts within us and called us to lives of courage, love, and faithfulness. Yet we confess that fear often has a louder voice. We doubt what we have been given. We hold back when you call us to act. We allow uncertainty to keep us from generosity, and worry to keep us from hope. Forgive us when we forget that your grace is already at work within us. Rekindle what has grown dim. Give us courage where we are afraid, love where we have become guarded, and faith to follow where you lead…. (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 441 *Hear The Good News of Salvation* NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

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 Marci Bozeman

First Lesson Psalm 66:1-12

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 1:3-9 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon **From the Church, with Love**
To the Parent of an Adult Child Who Doesn't Attend Worship

Responding to the Word

✣ Hymn 374 *O Holy City, Seen of John* MORNING SONG

✣ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Susan B. Landrum
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.

Offertory Sentence Sally Wood and family

Music at the Offertory *"Sanctus" from Requiem, Op. 48* Gabriel Fauré
Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, organ
Aaron Cummings, conductor

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

✣ 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!
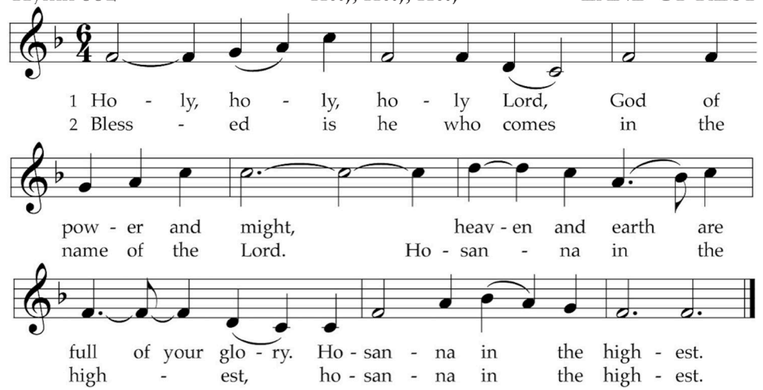
✣ Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

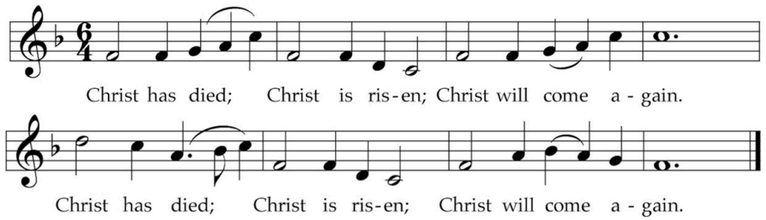
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Naming of our Saints
The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise…
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.
…who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus
Hymn 552 *Holy, Holy, Holy* LAND OF REST



… Great is the mystery of faith!

Memorial Acclamation
Hymn 553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* LAND OF REST



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 elements 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.

Prayer After Communion

✣ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

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