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.

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.**

Central Women Gathering

Join Central Women for an evening of fellowship and lively conversation about Georgia politics! Our guest speaker, Democratic State Senator Nan Orrock, will share her perspectives on Georgia's political landscape, the recent blue wave, and national politics. Gather with us on **Thursday, November 19**, at the home of Blake and Robbie Ashe in Druid Hills for an engaging and enjoyable evening! Go to **Realm to signup.**

Kasia Smolarek Concert at Central

Join us for a wonderful evening with classical guitarist, Kasia Smolarek, on **Friday, December 4, at 8:00 p.m.** (doors open at 7:15 p.m.). Kasia Smolarek, is a winner of more than 20 international awards. Don't miss this extraordinary performance by one of today's most exciting classical guitarists! **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 20% off tickets with code CONGREGATION. Scan the QR code for tickets.

Beer & Hymns

Join us at Manuel's Tavern on **December 5 at 7:00 p.m.** for a fun-filled time of fellowship, great food, music, and good cheer! Come enjoy the lively atmosphere, share a few laughs, and connect with friends over a wonderful evening together. We hope to see you there!

Advent Marketplace, Chili Cook-Off and Wreath Making

Join us for a festive afternoon of food, fellowship, creativity, and holiday fun on **December 6** following worship! Browse the Advent Market featuring our mission partners and local arts and crafts, sample delicious entries in the Great Central Chili Cook-Off, and vote for the winner of the coveted Golden Ladle! For $15, create a beautiful Advent wreath to take home while supporting Central's Worship, Music & Arts and Children & Youth Ministries and their partnership around the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Come shop, eat, create, and celebrate the season of Advent with your Central family! **Go to Realm to signup and make your donation!**

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Carmen Holden
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett
Deacon of the Day: Marci Bozeman

Hospitality Team:
Beth Grashof
Martha Haythorn
Kathy Kohn
Norm Kohn
Kathy McCloud
Isabelle Werber
Dane Jefferson

Centralites Under Care of the Session As They Prepare for Ordained Ministry

Christian Antwi
Samuel Ayantor
Ximena Leroux

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The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor
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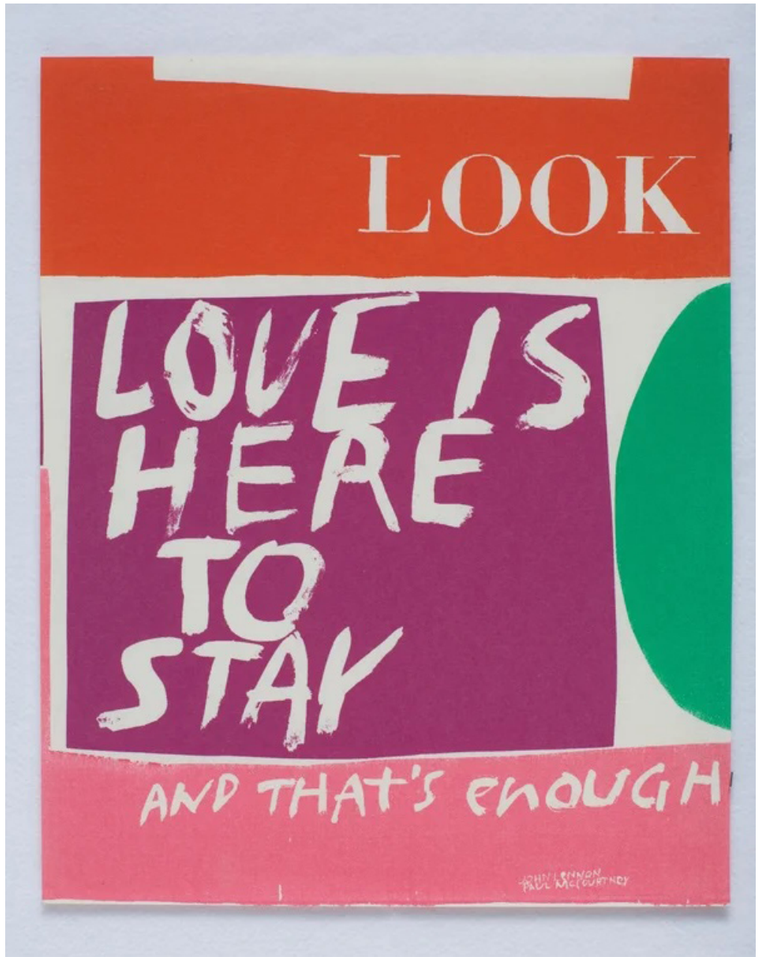
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Look, Sister Corita Kent

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude — *Festive Peal* — Karen Thompson
Geneva Handbell Choir

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 through.

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. Susan B. Landrum
We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses all of us, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God! Amen!

✣ Hymn 321 — *The Church's One Foundation* — AURELIA

✣ Call to Confession

✣ Prayer of Confession
Good and gracious God, the Word says love is patient and kind. Your Word says that love is not self-seeking. But we confess that in many ways we have disregarded our neighbor, thinking only of ourselves. Your Word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Help us, Lord, not to take pleasure in what is evil, but to always rejoice in the truth of Your love. Protect us with Your love, Lord, and help us to choose the way of trusting You, putting our hope in You, and persevering in Your ways, knowing that love never fails, and that You never fail. …. (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 — Carmen Holden

First Lesson — 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Second Lesson — Ephesians 2:8-22 — Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon — **From the Church, with Love**
To Someone with Whom I Disagree

Responding to the Word

✣ Hymn 693 — *Thou I May Speak (The Gift of Love)* — O WALY WALY

✣ Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Kate Culver
Adapted from the Confession of Belhar, 10.2–10.3
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made visible in the church, where people are brought together in a community of faith and love. We believe that the unity of the people of God is both a gift and a calling. Through the Spirit, we are bound together, called to build one another up, bear one another's burdens, and serve one another in love. In Christ, we are one people, reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

Offertory Sentence — Eleanor Dake

Music at the Offertory — *I Will Arise* — arr. Sondra K. Tucker
RESTORATION from *The Southern Harmony*
Geneva Handbell Choir

✣ 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 — Eleanor Dake

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 754 — *Help Us Accept Each Other* — BARONITA

✣ 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 — *God of Grace and God of Glory* — Paul Manz
Don Papenbrock, organ

This Week at Central

November 8 - 15, 2026

Sunday, November 8
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)
10:00 a.m. Trinity UMC Worship (Rand Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting (Taylor Conference Room)
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Tour of South Downtown
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Suite)

Monday, November 9
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)
11:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 10
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (Zoom)
7:30 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 11
9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)
12:00 p.m. Fall Book Study (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Foot Clinic (Night Shelter-Gym)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12
10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. WMA Committee (Zoom)

Friday, November 13
12:00 p.m. Church Office closes
7:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night (Tull Hall)

Saturday, November 14
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 15
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
9:30 a.m. Called Session Meeting (Parlor)
9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School Classes
9:45 a.m. Issues in Theology Class (Greene Room)
10:00 a.m. Trinity UMC Worship (Rand Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

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