



**CENTRAL**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2024  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Through Him, All Things, Lauren Wright Pittman*

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Abide with Me*

Arr. Jerry Ray

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.*

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver  
FROM ISAIAH 40:21

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

✠ Hymn 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our community, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom through the noise. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. (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 313 (Stanza 4) *Lord, Make Us More Holy* LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

**Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful;  
until we meet again:  
faithful, faithful, faithful  
until we meet again.**

*During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.*

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Courtney Anne Henry and Susan Landrum

Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Sarah Cook

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:20-21

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

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



It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...  
 ..And so, with your people on earth and all of the company of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their voices who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus 552

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## Holy, Holy, Holy 552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)

F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)

C F/A Am B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)

B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984  
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...For in our waiting, we proclaim "Great is the Mystery of Faith!"

Memorial Acclamation 553

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SERVICE MUSIC

## 553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)

F C F B<sup>b</sup> C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)

B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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The Lord's Prayer

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**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

*We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.*

Music During Communion

*Irish Blessing*

Bob Chilcott

Elizabeth Daly, soprano; Mason Copeland, piano

Prayer After Communion

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World



Hymn 295

*Go to the World!*

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Charge and Benediction

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

*A Congregational Meeting will take place immediately following worship*

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### Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Sarah Cook  
Choir Guild: Anita Carwile  
Tower Bell Ringer: Jason Bliss  
Chancel Choir  
Dean Hammond,  
Volunteer Technology Director

#### Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof  
Kevin Byers  
Tricia Downing  
Martha Kimes  
Em McNair  
Annastassia Pons  
Isabelle Werber

### Central Presbyterian Church Staff

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner,  
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The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor  
Susan Landrum, Director of Family Ministries  
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Mark Wallace Maguire,  
Director of Communications  
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John White, Facilities Manager  
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Alex Johns, Communications Associate  
Karen Brown, Pianist, Bethlehem & Jerusalem Choir  
Courtney Anne Henry, Children & Youth Fellow  
Thomas Chafin, Interim Choir Director  
Elizabeth Daly, Music Intern  
Josh Smith, Audio Engineer  
Patrick Maguire, Video Assistant

### Give

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# Called Congregational meeting today following worship

Central has a called congregational meeting at the close of worship today for three purposes: to vote on the pastors' terms of call, to elect the 2024 Nominating Committee, and to receive the 2024 budget.

## From the Battle Family

To our dear Central family, we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for making Bob's/Bee's celebration of life service and reception so glorious. From the musicians, to the bakers, the set-up and clean-up volunteers, and the technicians, it was exactly as we had planned and more than we had hoped. It truly was a celebration of all that he loved: dear friends, good music, mac and cheese, cherry tarts, and red wine! Thank you, thank you, thank you! - *Becky Battle and family*

## Presbyterians for a Better Georgia and Vulnerable Georgians need your voice

This year's Georgia General Assembly is a very important session because the state has the largest ever (\$16 Billion) surplus of state funds that should be used to expand access to healthcare, mental healthcare, affordable housing, and other critical programs to help vulnerable Georgians. Presbyterians for a Better Georgia (PBG) needs the voices of people of faith like you who:

Please join us for on-line training, then come to Central Presbyterian Church (CPC) to walk across the street to the State Capitol and engage the people who represent you:



- PBG Advocacy Training (Zoom) February 6 at 7 p.m.
- PBG Lobby Day - March 5 at Central Presbyterian Church
- Georgia ACT Housing Day - CPC February 28

To learn more, go to the PBG website [P4BG.org](http://P4BG.org) or email Al Stacer, PBG Chair at [info@p4bg.com](mailto:info@p4bg.com)

February 14, 2024



ASH WEDNESDAY  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Noon in Rand Chapel 🕯 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday takes place on  
February 14 with two services at  
Central

'Ashes on the go' will be available on Washington Street from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m.





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