



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



The Temple, Hilda Katz

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Prelude in C Major
Mason Copeland, organ

J.S. Bach

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

Naomi McQuiller

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world or still waiting for a sign,

let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.

Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers,

let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.



Hymn 352

My Lord! What a Morning

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING



Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession

You are the God of all people, O Lord, the creator of all things good. Forgive us when we fail to see the good. Forgive us when we refuse to see the "all." We are searching for your presence and grasping for your grace, unable to believe that we cannot be separated from your love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and through Christ our redeemer, free us to try again ... (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 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

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

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Susan Landrum & Naomi McQuiller

Prayer for Illumination

Brianna Stewart

First Lesson

Psalm 16

Second Lesson

Mark 13:1-8

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon



When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.

Please silence your cellphones.

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

✠ Affirmation of Faith
THE CONFESSION OF 1967

Rev. Kate Culver

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

I Want to Be Ready
Chancel Choir

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

✠ 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

Rev. Kate Culver

✠ 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 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Postlude

Fugue in C Major
Mason Copeland, organ

J.S. Bach

OUR NURSERY IS OPEN: Come Little Children! Central has resumed its nursery for children ages 3 months to four-years-old during our Sunday School and worship hours (9:30 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!

Creative Cafe. An intergenerational event and open to all ages and stages. Here are the details: Creative Cafe will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the youth suite with time for food and fellowship included. At 2 p.m., the official program wraps up but children and youth can linger until the close of the session meeting.

Join Us Tonight for the Trans Day of Remembrance at 5 p.m.

Central and The Collective will be gathering in the Central Courtyard for a service to honor and say the names of our siblings who have been taken from us.

Central Women Gathering on November 21. We are looking forward to gathering together on Thursday November 21 at the home of Kathy Ashe. All women of Central are welcome, whether you have come to this monthly gathering for years or never at all! We will meet at 7 p.m. for drinks and appetizers, followed by dinner and a program/conversation facilitated by Kathy. Kathy's address is 82 Westminster Drive, Atlanta 30309. See y'all there! Questions? Ask Melanie Bliss at drdbliss@me.com or Debbie Miller at debbietimmmiller@gmail.com.

Advent Flowers. Each year, Central offers you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one through a gift to the Flower Fund. During the Advent and Christmas season, the arrangements in the sanctuary will add a visual reminder of the beauty and spirit of the season. A portion of your gift will also be used throughout the coming year continuing to bring joy and beauty to our worship services. Look for the link in the Wednesday e-news.

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Brianna Stewart
Choir Guild Member: Ann Hunter
Tower Bell Ringer: Tricia Berrett
Deacon of the Day: Linda Massengill
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Philip Covin
Liz Burkhardt
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill
Chris Sciarrone
Ellen Thompson

Give

You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at www.cpcatlanta.org or using the QR code.



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