

JANUARY 22, 2017 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Procession
John August Swanson (1982)
The original of this serigraph hangs in the Vatican Museum's Collection of Modern Religious Art

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *GOD, OUR GOD, IS WITH US* MICHAEL BURKHARDT
(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ **OPENING SENTENCES** MICHELLE HWANG

*As Jesus walked by the sea, he called two fishermen to follow him.
As Jesus walks through this city, he calls you and me to follow as well.
In this moment, we have the chance to leave the past behind,
And follow him into a future of justice and dignity for all.*

✦ **HYMN** No. 170 *YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE* *WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN*

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

We thank Rachel Stewart for directing the Chancel Choir today. David VanderMeer is away today at a Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conference and a PAM Executive Board meeting.

For the younger ones among us:

Jesus walked everywhere he went. When he invited people to walk with him, he meant for them to live as he lived. When we try to treat everyone fairly, and help those who need help, we are following in his footsteps

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

MOLLY MCGINNIS

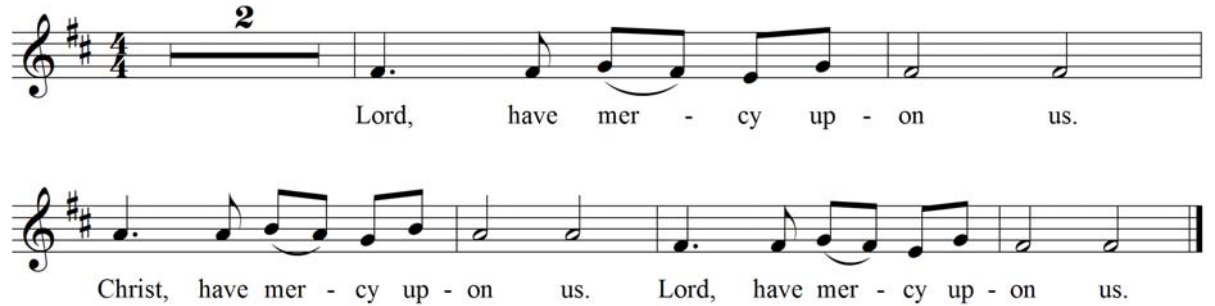
✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you call us to follow, but we don't do very well with walking in anyone else's footsteps. You promise to change our lives, and God knows there are things we'd like to change—but only at our pace and our comfort level (which means they never get changed). Yet on this day, when so many walked yesterday for justice and dignity, give us ears to hear you calling afresh for us to walk in your ways of compassion and hope and peace. Forgive our tendencies to take the safe path, and give us faith to follow your footsteps and your promises . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE HYMN NO. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-4

PAGE 651 OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 4:12, 17-23

PAGE 3 NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

WALK THIS WAY

DAVID COZAD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 749

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

WE ARE CALLED

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ADAPTED FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

Jesus was what we should be.

He served God with complete trust and unwavering obedience.

He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,

Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.

Written in 1988 to support the *Rite of Christian Initiation*, the baptismal preparation for adults in the Roman Catholic Church, this hymn concludes each verse with a call for all of us to "walk humbly with God."

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.
Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have.
It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.
We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

TRUE LIGHT

KEITH HAMPTON

CHANCEL CHOIR AND KIM LONG, SOLOIST

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Almighty God is light, he lives in us as true light

In the beginning, out of the darkness, God created true light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind.

But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine

Everywhere I go I want the world to know God gave the world true light.

Hold on to the true light.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

The composer of today's anthem, Dr. Keith Hampton, is a conductor, composer, educator, church musician, organ performer, adjudicator and workshop clinician. In addition to directing the Chicago Community Chorus (CCC), he is the Director of Music Ministries at the Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago. Beginning at Westminster Choir College, he was classically trained as an organist and conductor, and has taught students from nursery through college levels.

✦ 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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 766

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND

MC KEE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

SIYAHAMBA

ZULU/XHOSA

CHANCEL CHOIR

Siyahamba ekukhanyen kwenkhos, Siyahamba ekukhanyen kwenkhos.

Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba ekukhanyen kwenkhos

We are marching in the light, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamba was first published in South Africa 1984 and has been translated to appear in hymnals all over the world. The inclusive "we" is intended to mean not just those singing, but the universal "we."

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FESTAL VOLUNTARY

GORDON JACOB

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are Michelle Hwang, Anna George Traynham, and Molly McGinnis.

Our lector today is Kathy McCloud.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may subscribe to podcasts at that site and find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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Erin Burt
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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

The Council of Ministries is seeking nominations for congregation members to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee will meet several times this spring and develop a roster of nominees to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in the 2017-2018 program year. Please submit nominations to Linda Massengill, lmassengill@cpcatlanta.org

EVENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Join the Event Committee for our first get together in 2017 - DINNER AND A MOVIE - on Monday January 30, 2017 celebrating the annual ATLANTA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL. Get more information and sign up on the website or during lunch on the 22nd.

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain
Mary Sidney Harbert ▪ Sherry Wright
Kimble McNair ▪ Deanna Robbins
Em McNair ▪ Wills Moore

Greeters

Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans
Nancy Wilkes ▪ Martha Kimes

Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

Deacons of the Day

Richard Woodring ▪ Em McNair

Collectors of Friendship Pads

Liz Burkhardt ▪ Becca Leland
Hugh & Shrley Landrum

Bell Ringer

Ed Carwile

Counters

Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser
Max Gallman ▪ Stephen Smith

Choir Guild

Kathy McCloud

THIS IS OUR STORY:

WINTER STUDIES 2017

Each January, Central holds a special combined Sunday school series. This year, the series is sponsored by the Invitation Committee, and you are invited! Over the course of the 5 weeks, we will hear stories from others and learn to recognize value in our *own* stories. We will create a space for everyone - including ourselves - to be seen. Each week will have a combination of facilitated listening, small group conversation, and theological reflection.

Sundays, January 8 through February 5
in the Atrium

9:30 a.m. Gathering and Coffee
9:45 a.m. Stories begin

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, January 22

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Called Session Meeting
12:25 p.m. Session Budget Update

Monday, January 23

12:30 p.m. Staff lunch
1:00 p.m. All Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, January 24

6:00 p.m. Advocacy Training
Tull Hall

Wednesday, January 25

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

No events scheduled

Friday, January 27

No events scheduled

Saturday, January 28

No events scheduled

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Winter Studies
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Anna George Traynham
preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:45 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout



Saturday, February 11, 2017

6:30 p.m. in Tull Hall

Unique and Elegant Dinner, Entertainment by
Choir Members and Jazz Trio

Tickets will be available beginning today.
Dressy Attire | \$50.00 per person
includes dinner and entertainment.

Buy a single ticket or gather your friends for a table
of eight.

Parking garage will be open.

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