



TREES

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY "LITTLE" PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN F MAJOR

VICKI FEY, ORGANIST

*(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)*

J. S. BACH

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### RINGING OF THE BELL

#### ✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*God's Spirit dwells in us,  
For we are God's temple.  
We belong to Christ,  
And Christ belongs to God.  
Praise the Lord!*

COMPANION TO FEASTING ON THE WORD

MICHELLE HWANG

#### ✦ HYMN No. 1

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!*

NICAEA

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.

This morning we welcome our new organist, Vicki Fey. Vicki and her husband Steve have served as organists and choirmasters at First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee for the last 17 years. Steve remains in Bristol until May 31, when he will join Vicki in Atlanta. Vicki is a former president of PAM, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians; has served several times as Conference Director at the Worship and Music Conferences in Montreat, and has accompanied numerous choral and instrumental ensembles throughout the region.

## For the younger ones among us:

Did you know that trees in a forest take care of each other? Scientists can tell that the trees have ways to warn each other of bad bugs, share water supplies, and even adjust to the weather!

Long before Jesus, the Bible taught people to do the same thing for each other. Our reading for today says that taking care of one another makes us "holy", like God. And Jesus said it's the most important thing we can do.

## ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

## ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

COMPANION TO FEASTING ON THE WORD

Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness,  
But we forsake your commandments.  
We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled.  
We have not been truthful in our daily business;  
We have been unjust in our judgment of others.  
We have sought vengeance against our enemies;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us our sins and move us to sincere repentance.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people,  
With Jesus Christ, our Lord . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## ✦KYRIE

REINDORF - GHANA

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

## ✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ✦PASSING THE PEACE

## ✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 5, STANZA 2

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free:  
You are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless, lead us now.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 9-18

PAGE 108 OT, PEW BIBLE

### ANTHEM

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

ALFRED FEDAK

CHANCEL CHOIR

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who, for refuge, to Jesus hath fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow.  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The fire shall not hurt thee; I only design the dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

## SECOND READING

MATTHEW 5:38-48

PAGE 5 NT, PEW BIBLE

## SERMON

THE HIDDEN LIFE OF TREES

DAVID COZAD

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## ✦ HYMN No. 313

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

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## ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
lives that recognize all 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

MOLLY MCGINNIS

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung - see insert)*

MARK MILLER

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

HOLY MANNA  
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARR. HART MORRIS

## ✦ 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. 314

LONGING FOR LIGHT, WE WAIT IN DARKNESS

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

## ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 306, STANZA 1

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

JOHN LEAVITT

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.

*Longing for Light, We Wait for Darkness*, better known to us as *Christ Be Our Light*, is the "Hymn of the Month" for our 2nd through 5th grade students who sing in the Nazareth Choir. Each month they study a hymn based on the lectionary. They learn about its background, memorize some of the verses, and learn to sing it comfortably.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our lector today is Eleanor Dake.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org). You may find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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## MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

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Sarah Paulsen

Erin Burt

Julia Watkins

## 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](mailto:dcozad@cpcatlanta.org) to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

## WOMEN'S RETREAT DEADLINE!

Join us for our annual Women's Retreat, March 3-5 at the Calvin Center, located just south of Atlanta in Hampton, Georgia. Central's own Martha Moore-Keish from Columbia Theological Seminary, will lead the sessions. The fee, which includes five meals, is \$120 for a cabin-style room and \$175 for a double occupancy hotel-style room. A limited number of private rooms are also available for \$285.

Registration deadline is today, February 19.

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Becky Battle, captain

Vicki Collier ▪ Philip Covin

Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake

Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers

Jean Ellen Jones

### Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes

### Deacons of the Day

Martha Kimes ▪ Ed Carwile

### Sound Engineer

Jeff Spruell

### Counters

Craig Knight ▪ Michael Davis

John Heidbreder ▪ Chris Sciarrone

### Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:

Ginger & Russell

The Lewis Amos Family:

Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth

Katie Leware

### Bell Ringer

Runge Family

### Choir Guild

Ann Hunter

## CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Let your voice be heard as our church continues into a time of discernment about some big and exciting decisions for our future. At the bottom of this email, you will find a link to an online survey called the *Church Assessment Tool* (CAT). By completing it you will be helping to create a clear picture of our calling as a congregation. See your email of February 1 for the link.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, February 19

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

12:15 p.m. Fair Trade Coffee Sale

4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout

### Monday, February 20

11:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle

### Tuesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Revelation Ringers

### Wednesday, February 22

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 23

10:00 a.m. Long Range Worship Plng.

### Friday, February 24

6:00 p.m. Session Retreat begins

### Saturday, February 25

9:00 a.m. Session Retreat continues

### Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs

9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day

David Cozad preaching

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch

4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | A DAY AT THE CAPITOL

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Meet at Central Presbyterian Church

We need your help to advocate for: Ending homelessness and hunger; Increasing access to healthcare; Reducing gun violence. We will gather at Central Presbyterian Church for coffee, networking, and legislative updates. Then we will walk across the street to the Capitol for guided visits and meetings with your legislators! Whether you've been to the Capitol many times or you're completely new to advocacy, this event will be an inspiring, informative, and active way for you to get involved. No experience needed! We will have knowledgeable advocates on hand to help you every step of the way.