

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY PRELUDE ON WONDROUS LOVE CRAIG PHILLIPS

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

WELCOME

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

Come, Lover of the poor,
Come, Light of our heart,
Come, Generous Spirit,
Come, and lead us into a holy Lent.

✦ HYMN NO. 85 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS WONDROUS LOVE

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

God's grace is measured neither by our deserving, nor by our desiring.
When we earnestly confess our sins before the Lord,
we can be assured of God's mercy and boundless love.

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ KYRIE DAVID VANDERMEER



✦ DECLARATION OF PARDON

With confidence, let us declare together the gift of salvation:
As far as the east is from the west,
as near as the penitence of Lent is to the redemption of Easter,
so are we delivered and made whole.
Let us proclaim the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

✦ RESPONSE HYMN NO. 76, STANZA 2 LOVE UNKNOWN

Christ came from heaven's throne, salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and none the longed-for Christ would know,
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON GENESIS 37:1-5 PAGE 34, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND LESSON GENESIS 50:1-20 PAGE 48, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON INTENTIONS GARY W. CHARLES

COMMISSIONING TO THE GLOBAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH

SEALING THE WORD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY CALL TO REMEMBRANCE RICHARD FARRANT
CHANCEL CHOIR

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness
Which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth:
but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 101, STANZA 4 HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION JESUS, SO LOWLY HAROLD FRIEDEL
CHANCEL CHOIR

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token: love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 363 I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME SOJOURNER

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 81, STANZA 4 ST. FLAVIAN

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST ALFRED FEDAK

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ Those who are able, please stand.

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

Our liturgists today are Caroline Kelly, Catherine Neelly, and Emily Wilmarth.

Our lector today is Rudy Massengill.

The hangings in the vestibule are the work of liturgical artist Ellen Phillips, assisted by Ann Bryan, Berta Irwin, Joan Murchison, and Sandra McDonald. Special thanks to Lewis and Sheron Fabrics for their donation to this project. The texts will change each week to reflect the scripture of the day.

Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found on the Central website: <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/sermons.html>. You may also subscribe to the podcast of sermons preached at Central by visiting <http://cpcatlanta.org/worship/podcast.html>.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Ash Wednesday, this year on February 25, began the season of Lent, a time for spiritual growth, penitence, contemplation and preparation. Please take time to read the table tents in Tull Hall for suggested Lenten Disciplines and for the schedule of worship services and other opportunities to participate in this season of the church. A Meditation Space has been created in the Brotherhood Room, or you may take home a bag of materials to fold origami cranes for the Wing and a Prayer mobile. You may also travel the Way of the Cross, using the art exhibit in Tull Hall to read scripture and pray at each of fourteen stations tracing Jesus' path from Maundy Thursday through Easter. Tull Hall will also be reserved as a quiet place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. before the Taizé services, and on some Wednesdays before or after the mid-week services. Check the website for other Lenten information:

INQUIRY CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Central Presbyterian Church or would like to learn more about any aspect of our mission or programs, join Gary Charles and other members of the Central staff on Sunday, March 15, immediately after worship in the Community Room off Tull Hall. Please go to the front of the lunch line, get your lunch and proceed to the Community Room. Lunch is on us!

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers
Willie Phillips & Beth Grashof,
co-captains
Brian Bishop • Bede Campbell
Jo Alice Halsell
Rick Hertzberg • Elizabeth Neil

Counters
Kevin Byers • Tom Holcomb
Don Robinson

Greeters
Lamar Oglesby • Tom Holcomb
Bill Thompson • Michael Lloyd
Nancy Wilkes

Elders of the Day
Campbell-Eagan – Sandy Hoke
Washington Street – Anne Huss

Bread Baker
Linda Tillman

Choir Guild
Dot Phillips

Collectors of Friendship Pads
The Ferguson Family
Mark, Corie, Lucy & Harry

Deacons of the Day
Harriette Fulton • Mary Hill

Sound Engineer
Roland Kinser

Caring for Our Youngest Members
Infants & Toddlers
Elizabeth Neil and Lamar Oglesby

Pre-School Room
Linda Massengill

Pre-K Room
Carolyn Porter and Jean Ellen Jones

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, March 1

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Hunger Walk
1:00 p.m. Merida Trip Meeting
2:00 p.m. Youth Musical
5:00 p.m. Cancer Ministry Meeting

Monday, March 2

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions
2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Ministry Night

Tuesday, March 3

1:00 p.m. Genesis Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service
Rand Chapel

Wednesday, March 4

12:15 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service
Rand Chapel
5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 5

No Events Scheduled

Friday, March 6

Mission Trip to Merida departs

Saturday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Prison Trip
Mission Trip to New Orleans departs

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
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11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day,
Gary Charles preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
Montgomery Anniversary
Celebration
12:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Committee
1:00 p.m. Council of Ministries
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WORD AND SACRAMENT:
HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 1, 2009

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

You are invited to worship with us
during Lent and Holy Week.
All Services are in Rand Chapel.

Taizé Prayer Services

7:00 p.m. Each Tuesday during the month of March & April 7

Lenten Mid-Week Communion Services

12:15 p.m. Wednesdays
March 4 through April 1

Daily Holy Week Services

12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday
April 6 through April 10



Please join us on Tuesday evenings for our

Taizé Prayer Services

Each Tuesday in Lent

March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 and April 7
at 7:00 p.m. in Rand Chapel

(a service of songs, scripture, silence, meditation, prayer, and candles)

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PASTOR EMERITUS
P. C. (Buddy) Enniss

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

I AM JOSEPH YOUR BROTHER WHOM YOU SOLD INTO EGYPT
BUT DON'T BE ANGRY WITH YOURSELVES THAT YOU DID THIS TO ME
FOR GOD SENT ME HERE AHEAD OF YOU TO PRESERVE YOUR LIVES
AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED GOD TURNED INTO GOOD
WHAT YOU MEANT FOR EVIL

Genesis 45:4-5, 50:20
Timothy Botts, calligrapher