

## 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 Erika Rembert, Emily Wilmarth, and Catherine Neelly.

**Our lector today** is Lillian Paris.

**Gary Charles** is at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church this morning preaching for the installation of Jane Fahey as their pastor.

**During the season of Lent** we will be using a different version of the Lord's Prayer each week. Today we pray singing Michael Morgan's metrical version.

**The Lenten Banners** in the vestibule, which are changed each week to include a part of the text for the day, are the work of liturgical artist Ellen Phillips. The drapes in the sanctuary mark our progress through the Lenten season as the colors change each week.

**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>.

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## CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### WORSHIP STAFF

Gary W. Charles, Pastor • Caroline M. Kelly, Associate Pastor  
Lynn A. Turnage, Christian Educator • Molly Kent, Director of Youth Ministries  
David A. VanderMeer, Director of Music Ministries • J. Michael Morgan, Organist  
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Stephen A. Bacon, Coordinator, Pastoral Residency Program

### PASTOR EMERITUS

P. C. (Buddy) Enniss

### IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

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 through 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

You are also invited to visit the art exhibit in Tull Hall, the "Way of the Cross," or to spend a few moments in the Meditation Room off Tull Hall, or to visit our website at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org) for Lenten devotional materials.

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Deanna Robbins, captain  
Kelly Bray • Mary Sidney Harbert  
Chuck Bowen • Bettye Russell  
Terry Tusher • Wills Moore

### Counters

Doris Beachy  
Max Gallman • Stephen Smith  
Bill Crosland, Sr.

### Cashier

Mary Elizabeth Pope

### Elders of the Day

Campbell-Eagan - Tony Amos  
Washington Street - Mark Borst

### Deacons of the Day

Sherry Finch • Oliver Ladd

### Collectors of Friendship Pads

Bettye Russell • Nancy Wilkes

### Choir Guild

Carleen Savage

### Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infant & Toddler Room  
Anna Downing

Preschool Room  
Claire & Carolyn Riordan

### Pre-K Room

Betty Bolander • Carolyn Clarke

### Sound Engineer

Tom Banyai

### Greeters

Daphne & Michael Evans  
Sherry & Ken Finch  
Bill & Martha Kimes

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, March 22

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Global Mission Committee  
1:10 p.m. Jerusalem Choir leaves to sing at Presbyterian Village  
2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Marshall Neil

### Monday, March 23

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions  
2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

### Tuesday, March 24

1:00 p.m. Genesis Handbell Choir  
6:30 p.m. CDC Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service  
Rand Chapel

### Wednesday, March 25

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

### Thursday, March 26

No Events Scheduled

### Friday, March 27

No Events Scheduled

### Saturday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt

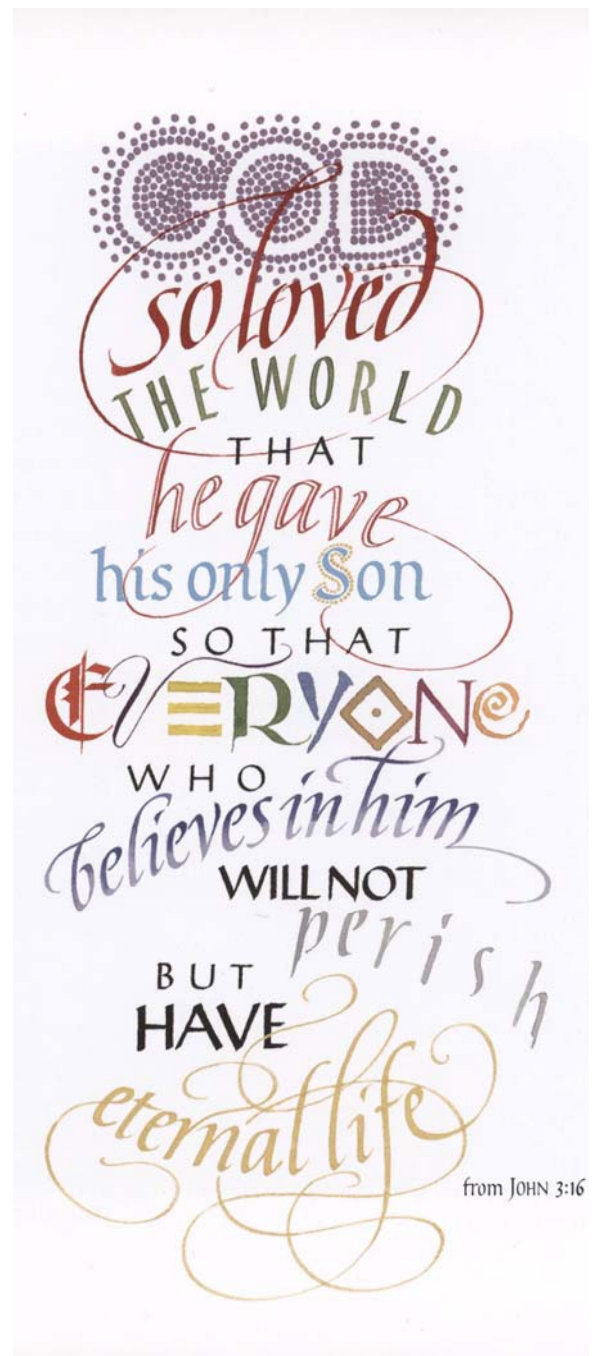
### Sunday, March 29

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. Service for the Lord's Day  
Gary Charles preaching  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 22, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Timothy Botts, Calligrapher

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

ADAGIO

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

TOMASO ALBINONI

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself 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 PSALM 107

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

#### ✠HYMN

GOD OUR AUTHOR AND CREATOR

BEACH SPRING

God our author and creator, in whose life we find our own.  
Make our daily witness greater; by our lives make your love known.  
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed duntrod;  
In all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve;  
When our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;  
By your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,  
That at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."  
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from ev'ry place,  
with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

#### ✠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.

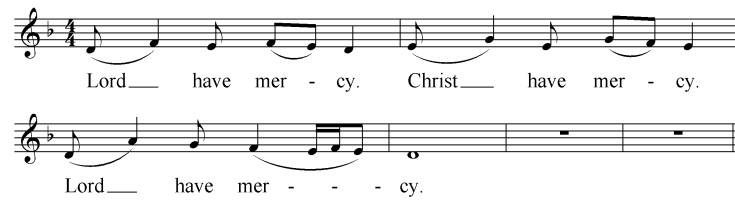
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.

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

These waters of baptism symbolize God's love for us, so then  
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. 356, STANZA 4

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for they courts above.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

NUMBERS 21:4-9

PAGE 142, OT, PEW BIBLE

#### PSALTER

PSALM 107

O QUANTA QUALIA

(Found in the Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew, page 124)

#### SECOND LESSON

JOHN 3:14-21

PAGE 88, NT, PEW BIBLE

#### SERMON

SELF-GIVING LOVE

CAROLINE M. KELLY

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ANTHEM

WONDROUS LOVE

ARR. GILBERT M. MARTIN

CHANCEL CHOIR

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!  
When I was sinking down, O my soul, O my soul! When I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing! To God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing,  
I will sing! While millions join the theme I will sing!

#### ✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.  
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey  
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.  
No more than Christ are we spared  
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.  
We are in the world, but not of the world.  
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people  
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,  
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.  
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
to serve as he has served us;  
to take up our cross,  
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### OUR LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

MORNING SONG

METRICAL PARAPHRASE: MICHAEL MORGAN

Our Father, God in highest Heav'n, most holy is your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, in heav'n, the same.  
Give us today our daily bread, forgive as we forgive.

Spare us the test; from death and sin enable us to live.  
For ev'ry realm of age and space contends to be your home;  
all glory, laud, and pow'r are yours now and all time to come.

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please locate, sign and pass the Friendship Pad so we can greet each other by name.)

#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

ARR. BRIAN CHILDERS

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR; ADELAIDE FEDERICI, VIOLIN

#### ✠AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### ✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

### INTO THE WORLD

#### ✠HYMN NO. 422

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

BEACH SPRING

#### ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING