

April 12, 2009

## worship

### Easter

Resurrection of the Lord  
Word & Sacrament:  
Holy Communion

### Sermon

*Galilee*

Gary Charles, preaching

### Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-8

Mark 16:108

### Hymns

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*Christ is Arisen*

*Hallelujah from Messiah*

### Music

*Te Deum*

by Marc-Antoine Charpentier  
Michael Morgan, Organ;  
Hollie Lifshey, Trumpet

*In Thee is Gladness*

by Giovanni Castoldi  
Chancel Choir; Jim Zellers, Flute

*Earth, Earth, Awake, Your Praises Sing*  
by Sally Ann Morris

Chancel Choir; Hollie Lifshey, Trumpet

*Laudation*

by Arnold Sherman  
Geneva Handbell Choir

*Easter Carol*

by Richard Proulx  
Chancel Choir

*Toccata, Synchronie V*

by Charles-Marie Widor  
Michael Morgan, Organ

## fellowship

### Sunday Lunch Menu

*Fried Chicken* ⊗ *Mashed Potatoes*

*Cut Carrots* ⊗ *Tossed Salad*

*Corn Muffins* ⊗ *Cheesecake*

*with Fruit Topping*

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## A Gracious Gift

Gary Charles, Pastor

It is hard to believe that I will celebrate my fifth anniversary as your pastor this summer. Even harder to believe is that this summer will mark my 29<sup>th</sup> year of ordained ministry as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.

Late last Spring, I wrote a proposal for a “Clergy Renewal Grant” from the Lilly Endowment – the same foundation that supports our Pastoral Residency program. It is a competitive grant that is awarded both to the congregation and its pastor. A few months ago, I learned that Central and I had been awarded a “Clergy Renewal Grant.” Since then I have been making the necessary plans to enjoy a true sabbatical and to insure that Central’s ministry is enriched while I am away.

As I told Session, I do not consider a sabbatical a right, but a gracious gift. I believe that what I have planned for my portion of the sabbatical will be a welcome time of rest and reflection and reconnection with my family. You can read the details of my sabbatical proposal. A copy has been posted on the News Flashes page of Central’s Website ( [http://www.cpcatlanta.org/news/A\\_Sabbatical\\_Proposal\\_GWC.pdf](http://www.cpcatlanta.org/news/A_Sabbatical_Proposal_GWC.pdf) )

As for Central, I am grateful to Caroline who will serve as Acting Head of Staff and Steve Bacon who will direct the Pastoral Residency Program. I am also grateful to all my colleagues who will assume extra responsibilities while I am away. In addition to Caroline, Steve, and my colleagues, I want to thank Rod Hunter who will be leading the monthly seminars with Erika, Catherine, and Emily. I also want to thank Anna Carter Florence, Trace Haythorn, Matt Flemming, Beth Johnson, Cam Murchison, and Brian Blount who will be preaching during my sabbatical.

The fourth commandment urges us to “remember the Sabbath.” I cannot say that I have always observed that commandment in a faithful and life-giving way. Pray with me that in my time away, Central and I might both “remember the Sabbath.”

Blessings,



## No Sunday School Classes April 12

### Adult Education Late Spring, Through May 17

#### Stories That Heal

Class will investigate the power of stories to heal our bodies, minds, and souls. Mary Amos, pastoral counselor and marriage and family therapist will lead class. Jean Ellen Jones, Convener.  
*Keystone Class, Room G-4, Oglesby Building*

#### Faith & Family Bible Study

Discussion of current topics. Beth Johnson Paulsen, Leader: Kelly Bray, Convener.  
*The Atrium, Ground floor, Oglesby Building*

#### Living What We Believe

*Dust, Bullhorn, Lump* are titles of Rob Bell's work. These *Nooma* videos challenge us to look from Jesus' perspective and carry this into today's world. Ed Carwile, Convener  
*Sojourners Class, G10, Oglesby Building*

#### Who (or What) Comes After the God of Metaphysics?

Part II—April-May  
Contemporary Essays  
Presenters: Individual Class Members, John Huss, Convener.  
*Issues in Theology Class, Room G-1, Oglesby Building*

#### The New Christian Community and Its Witness

Survey the New Testament looking through the lens of community. Brenda Spruell, Convener. The class will use the New Standard Revised Bible as text and follow "The Present Word" Study Guide.  
*Brotherhood/Study Class, Parlor, off Tull Hall.*



No Jerusalem Choir or  
Youth Group on Easter,  
April 12



## Good Friday Worship Service

April 10  
12:15 p.m. Rand Chapel  
7:30 p.m. @ Druid Hills Presbyterian Church  
*Seven Last Words of Christ Tenebrae Service*  
combined choirs from Central and Druid Hills  
(For directions to Druid Hills, visit their [website](#).)



## Egg Hunt & Potluck Breakfast

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Saturday, April 11, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp!

At the Knight Family Home

Please bring your baskets and a breakfast item to share.  
*All families with elementary age children and younger are invited to come hear a new story on EGGS, then we'll hunt them and enjoy brunch and fellowship together!*

Easter Sunday  
April 12  
6:30 a.m.  
Easter Sunrise Service  
Courtyard  
9:45 a.m.  
Easter Fellowship Breakfast  
Tull Hall  
11:00 a.m. Worship

## Women's Studies Guest Speaker Moni Basu — April 16

All women of Central are urged to attend Women's Studies on Thursday, April 16, at the home of Linda Lehfeldt. Our guest speaker will be Moni Basu, who has worked as a reporter and editor at *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* for the past 18 years. She has reported extensively from her native India and visited Iraq seven times since 2002.

Born in Kolkata, India, in 1962, Ms. Basu divided her childhood years among India, Lebanon, Great Britain, Australia, and the United States. She has a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in International Affairs, both from Florida State University. She has won several awards for her war coverage, and in 2007 she was named an Ochberg Fellow by the prestigious Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma.

To enjoy a sample of Ms. Basu's perspective and insight about the war in Iraq, go to the archive of her columns about her trip to Iraq last year at

[http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/shared-blogs/ajc/georgiansatwar/entries/moni\\_basu/](http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/shared-blogs/ajc/georgiansatwar/entries/moni_basu/)

For 26 years, Central's Women's Studies group has provided an opportunity for all the women of Central to gather for fellowship, dinner, and programs on various topics of interest.

We meet at 7:00 pm for fellowship and enjoy dinner together before our program.

For information about the group or directions to the April location, contact Julie Boggs or Carolyn Clarke.



### Rebekah Circle

Rebekah Circle, Millie Walling, Chairman, will meet on Monday, April 13, 11:00 a.m., in the Conyers Building at Austell Presbyterian Church, 5895 Love Street. Jane Conyers will be hostess and Mary Hill will be co-hostess. Jean Kinser

will lead us in our Bible Study and discussion of Lesson 7 in "Luke's Gospel for the Poor." Our service project for the month is to bring slightly worn or new shoes for the Outreach and Advocacy Center and our ongoing project of bringing personal care items for the Outreach and Advocacy Center.

Remember to bring a sandwich for lunch!

## Imaginative "Brides for Indians" Story Will be the Talk of April Bookworms

*One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus combines very colorful white brides with late 19th century history of the American West for a convincing and entertaining read. The bookworms will meet to discuss it all at 7:30 p.m. on April 28. Judy Kiska and Leslie Pope will host; Sherry Wright will be the discussion leader.



## The Return of A Wing and a Prayer - Origami Crane (Bird) Project



The congregation is invited to help make Origami Birds. Origami Bird Kits may be picked up in the main office or Music Suite, by Sunday, April 26. Please watch *The Weekly* for additional announcements for A Wing and a Prayer.

For more information, please contact Dave VanderMeer at 404-601-3138 or [dvandermeer@cpccatlanta.org](mailto:dvandermeer@cpccatlanta.org)

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

(updated April 7)

### Members

**Receiving Hospice Care:** Ernest Arnold

**Hospital:** Claire Pearson; Ruth Windsor

**Ill or Recovering from Illness or Surgery:** Sarah Cook; Glen Cornell; Lee Ebeling; Vicki Hertzberg; Henry Hill, Ella Ruth Hunnicutt; Nancy Ireland; David Porter; Nancy Wilkes; Jerry Veldhuis

**Home-bound:** Willene Braun

### Family and Friends

**Jeff Chestnutt**, Carolyn and Tom Thorsen's grandson; **Murphy Davis; Robbins E. Dorsey**, father of Robin Zamarripa; **Gabrella Gaines**, Claudette Gallman's mother; Lisa Groth's father; **Eleanor Jones**, Diane Terry's sister; **Thad Kelly**, Caroline Kelly and Mary Sidney Harbert's father; **Abby Lewis**, Brittain "Grits" Skinner's friend; **Joan Lilley**, Robin Costa's mother; **Tamara Lopata; Bobby Meadows**, Esther Meadows' brother; **Lati Perez**, Maureen Thompson Hunt's niece; **Frank Prebble**, Paul Prebble's father; **Ilavann Sims**, Ginger Heidbreder's grandmother; **Bill Skinner**, Brittain "Grits" Skinner's father; **Dick Smith**, Clif Smith's father

### Serving in the Military

**Robert Coker**, friend of Emily and Jeff Hilimire; **Bryan Gerhardt**, friend of Ellen and Stephen Smith; **Tom Kelly**, friend of Bill Wilson; **Blake Leverett**, grandson of Frank and Sally Brown; **Erik Olson**, son of Chuck & Ann Veldhuis Olson and grandson of Jerry & Alice Veldhuis; **Connor Riley**, friend of Michael Richards; **Chaplain Jeff Ross**, friend of Central; and **Robert Starnes**, grandson of Betty Starnes.

### With Sympathy

*The congregation extends our deepest sympathy to Wills Moore in the death of his grandmother, Edie Wheeler on April 3.*

*Administrative Offices will be closed on April 13. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Catherine Neelly, Pastor on call.*

**One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday—April 12**

Many Christian denominations work together cooperatively and give some of the gifts received for shared ministry through Church World Service. However, each denomination decides how the gifts its members give will be used.

The PC(USA) offering is roughly divided into thirds. Each of three programs—Self-Development of People (SDOP), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) - receives 32 percent of the offering; the remaining 4 percent goes to the PHP for its work on homelessness and affordable housing.

**A pair of goats, 2 pair of chickens:**

**\$200**



\$10 a month can provide books, uniform and tuition for an African child.



**Fishing nets and 500 fish fingerlings:**

**\$150**



**Is Your Pledge Up To Date?**

*Central Presbyterian Church is a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who come together in central Atlanta to worship, serve, and be nurtured by God. We come as to a wellspring, bringing our thirst and emptiness, only to discover that our cup is filled by the living Word Who sends us to be with those in need, and to call forth God's justice in a chaotic world. We live out the ongoing story of "The Church that Stayed," joining generations of Central members and others who share this vision to proclaim the Gospel.*