

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

<p><b>Ushers</b> Deanna Robbins, captain Kelly Bray • Mary Sidney Harbert Chuck Bowen • Bettye Russell Terry Tusher • Wills Moore</p> <p><b>Counters</b> Doris Beachy Max Gallman • Stephen Smith Bill Crosland, Sr.</p> <p><b>Cashier</b> Mary Elizabeth Pope</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer</b> Roland Kinser</p> <p><b>Elders of the Day</b> Campbell-Eagan - Paul Zwiier Washington Street - Cynthia Smith</p>	<p><b>Deacons of the Day</b> Brian Bishop • John Bryan <b>Collectors of Friendship Pads</b> Bettye Russell • Nancy Wilkes</p> <p><b>Greeters</b> Daphne &amp; Michael Evans Sherry &amp; Ken Finch Bill &amp; Martha Kimes</p> <p><b>Caring for Our Youngest Members</b></p> <p><i>Infant &amp; Toddler Room</i> Carolyn Clarke <i>Preschool Room</i> Lui &amp; Alli Suazo <i>Pre-K Room</i> Claire &amp; Carolyn Riordan</p>
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Please wear something red to Worship May 31!  
**Pentecost Sunday, May 31**

**What is Pentecost?**

PENTECOST comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* meaning *fifty*—fifty days after Easter. As a Christian festival it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit. In the church year *Pentecost* is a major festival, a high day.



The color for the Day of Pentecost is **RED**. It is the color of fire, for the Spirit came in tongues of fire.

The fire represents God, "The Consuming Fire."

God the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples. The fire represents, moreover, warm hearts, fiery zeal, dedication, and devotion. Also, red is the color of blood, and represents the blood of the martyrs, which is the seed of the church.

The mood of Pentecost includes *Celebration, Gratitude, and Hope*.

**Celebration** Pentecost has the mood of joy because the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit was fulfilled and the gift was received.

**Gratitude** Christians are grateful on Pentecost for the Spirit and its gifts.

**Hope** Hope results from the Spirit's making all things new. Pentecost is renewal and revival day in the church.



**Summer Studies 2009**  
**What's Christian About Learning?**  
*Education as a Human Right*  
May 31 - August 30

Each of the three months during the summer, the series will focus on a theme relating to What's Christian About Learning? Education as a Human Right

- ◆The Crisis in Education
- ◆New Directions and Solutions
- ◆Challenges for the Church

*Dr. George Stroup*, Professor of Systematic Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary, will begin the Summer Series on May 31. Presenters confirmed so far include: *Neil Shorthouse*, President and Founder, Communities in Schools of Georgia; *Dr. Rodger Nishioka*, Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary; *Dr. Beverly Hall*, Superintendent, Atlanta Public Schools; *Dr. Brian K. Blount*, President, Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA; *Dr. Mary Hollowell*, Associate Professor & Field Experiences Coordinator, Department of Teacher Education, Clayton State University; *Theresa Brower*, Development Director, Georgia Appleseed Center for Law and Justice; *David A. Jackson*, President and CEO, The Center for Working Families, Inc.; *Mark E. Weston*, Education Consultant, Dell Computers; *Brad Bryant*, Georgia State Board of Education.

Watch for specific schedules and updates in emails and *The Weekly!*

VISITORS

WELCOME ALL

If you are a visitor and would like to know more about Central or about joining Central please contact Debbie Miller at [dmiller@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:dmiller@cpcatlanta.org) or talk to one of the Resident Pastors: Emily, Catherine or Erika.

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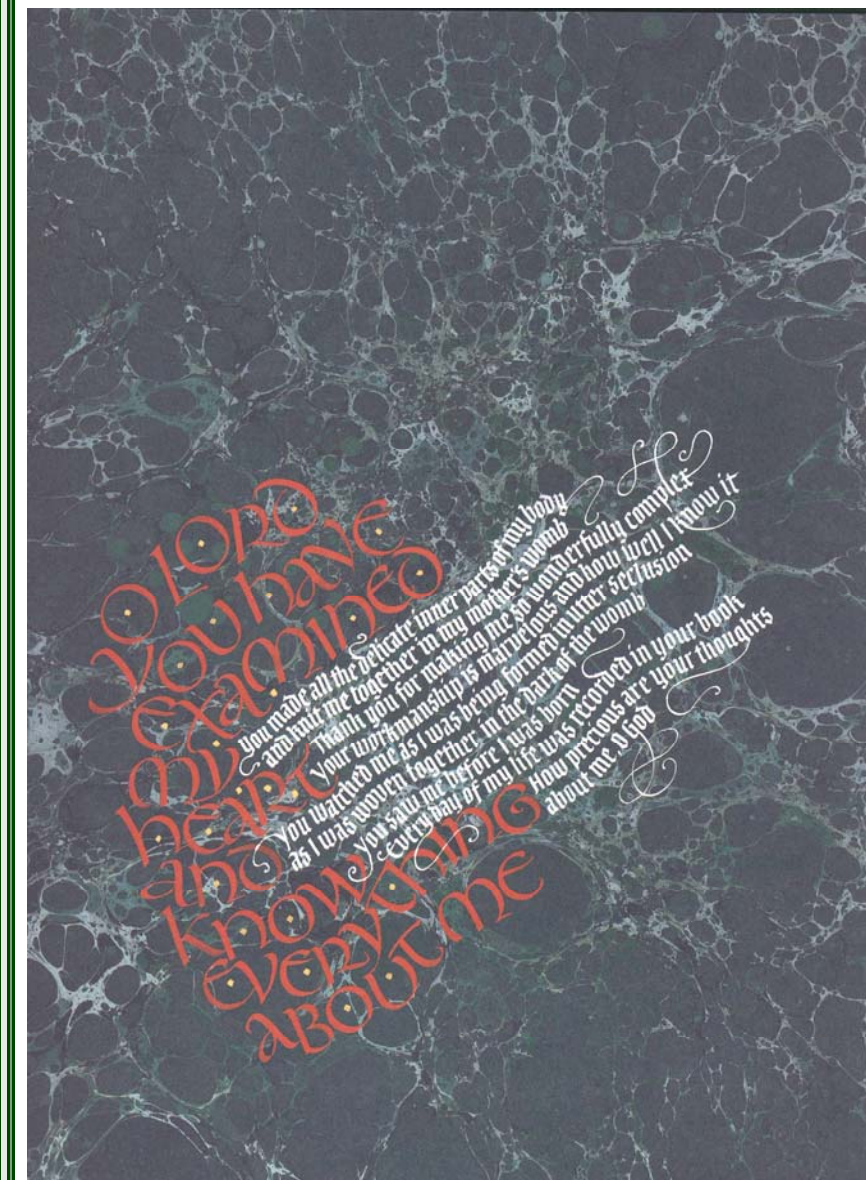
IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

SERVICE FOR  
THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 24, 2009

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Psalm 139, Calligrapher Timothy Botts

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST HEALEY WILLAM  
(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

CHORAL INTROIT COME ALL YOU PEOPLE ZIMBABWE CAROL  
MYERS PARK AND COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES YOUTH CHOIR  
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,  
Come all you people, come and praise your maker,  
Come now, and worship the Lord.

### OPENING SENTENCES

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.  
At one time, God's voice shook the earth; but now the Lord has promised,  
"Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."  
But, we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.  
Let us give thanks, and offer to God an acceptable worship  
with reverence and awe;  
For indeed our God is a consuming fire.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

HYMN NO. 262 GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND NATIONAL HYMN

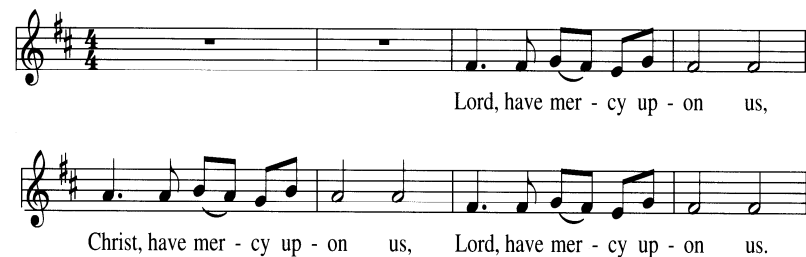
### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, today we are people who have been pulled down. The yoke you have given us is heavy and burdensome, and we are tempted to remove it, to point the finger, and to speak of evil that we see. Our losses have been counted, and we are weak with sorrow. This season is changing, but we are not ready for more change. But you, O God, have promised us that if we offer our food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are our hope, our trust. Our praise is continually of you, who have knit us together and called us into your care....

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE LEE AFDAHL



### DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE HALLE, HALLE, HALLE CARIBBEAN  
(Please sing twice.)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

### YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PASSING THE PEACE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON LUKE 4:21-30 PAGE 58, NT, PEW BIBLE

Why do we use scripture in worship?

Scripture tells us about faith and life and is God's word to us. It is at the center of our worship. The sermon, the hymns, and all the other music and liturgy are drawn from the scriptures chosen for that day.

PSALTER PSALM 139 ALLEN POTE

MYERS PARK AND COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES YOUTH CHOIR  
Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do.  
When I rise up and lie down, you are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows me day by day.  
Where can I flee from you spirit? Where can I go to run away?  
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.  
Search me, O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart.  
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

SECOND LESSON JEREMIAH 1:1-10 PAGE 715, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON MATTHEW FLEMMING

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN NO. 391 TAKE MY LIFE HENDON

### INSTALLATION OF ELDER GARY CORNELL

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS  
PRAYER OF INSTALLATION  
DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION  
CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED ELDER  
WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER ("Forgive us our debts...")

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME KEITH HAMPTON

MYERS PARK AND COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES YOUTH CHOIR  
Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name.  
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.

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. 429 LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION ABBOT'S LEIGH

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHORAL RESPONSE

NOW LET THY SERVANTS DEPART IN THY PEACE AUSTIN LOVELANCE  
MYERS PARK AND COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES YOUTH CHOIR

Lord, now let Thy servants depart in Thy peace,  
For our eyes have seen Thy salvation.  
Now send us forth, O Lord, to be Thy witnesses;  
Let us show Thy love to all people. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY TU ES PETRA (THOU ART THE ROCK) HENRI MULET

## 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 Erika Rembert.  
Our lector today is Bill Crosland, Sr.  
We welcome the combined Youth Choir from Myers Park Presbyterian Church and Covenant Presbyterian in Charlotte, North Carolina. The group is directed by Will Young and accompanied by Rob Frazier.  
Gary Charles is on sabbatical leave until August 22, 2009. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Caroline Kelly or the church office (404-659-0274).  
Our Jewish brothers and sisters have a catechetical style portion of their Passover meal in which children ask questions and the community answers - thereby teaching them about the faith. During this time our children will lead us by asking questions as we learn about the portions of our service of worship. Andrew Morris represents the children this morning.  
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>.  
Music is printed under Onelicense.net AA-710014.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, May 24

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Lunch

### Monday, May 25

Offices Closed

### Tuesday, May 26

1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions  
Rand Chapel  
2:00 p.m. Program Staff Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, May 27

6:00 p.m. Residency Committee  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 28

No events scheduled.

### Friday, May 29

Church office opened 8 a.m.- noon.

### Saturday, May 30

No events scheduled.

### Sunday, May 31

11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day  
Pentecost Sunday  
Caroline Kelly preaching  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Lunch