



**May 31, 2009**

**Worship**

**Pentecost**

**Word and Sacrament: Holy Communion**

**Sermon**

**Birth**

Caroline Kelly, preaching

**Scripture**

Romans 8:22-27

Acts 2—selected verses

**Hymns**

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  
*Praise the Spirit*

**Music**

*Sonata for Bassoon and Piano* by Alexandre Tansman

Mike Muszynski, Bassoon; Michael Morgan, Piano

*Veni Sancte Spiritus* from the Taizé Community

Chancel Choir; Jim Zellers, Flute; Mike Muszynski, Bassoon; Movement Choir

*The Spirit Like a Mighty Wind*  
by William P. Rowan

Chancel Choir; Movement Choir

*Come Down, O Love Divine* by John Leavitt  
Chancel Choir; Jim Zellers, Flute

*A Pentecost Prelude for Flute and Organ*  
by Charles Callahan

Jim Zellers, Flute; Michael Morgan, Organ

*Come, Holy Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  
by Michael Burkhardt  
Michael Morgan, Organ

**Fellowship**

**Sunday Lunch Menu**

Baked Spaghetti with Beef & Italian Sausage

Steamed Broccoli

Garlic Parmesan Bread

Caesar Salad

Cake

**centraltopics**

**The Good News We See and Taste**

Emily Wilmarth, Resident Pastor

For the first time in my life, this spring I planted tomatoes. I have never been much of a gardener – my botanic lifestyle, to this point, has been confined to potted plants indoors. Gardening is apparently a hobby that runs deep in my family’s tradition, though I’ve only become cognizant of this in recent years. I grew up in a home with beautiful front and back lawns, which my parents spent hot Texas afternoons tending. I’ve always admired the sweeping landscape of my uncle’s property. Both of my cousins were married in his garden. When I visit, fresh herbs are picked for nightly meals. Last summer, when my family gathered to celebrate my grandmother’s life, I heard countless stories of her famous Maryland gardens that would feed the neighbors with both beauty and harvest. My cousins even gave away seed packets to everyone in memory of my grandmother. I have big gardening shoes to fill, a legacy to uphold, and it remains to be seen if I inherited the family green thumb. I admit I am a nervous gardener; each time I water I worry my tomato plant will be dead by mid-June.

Today at the Festival of Homiletics, I heard a sermon called *The Proclamation of Creation* that turned my nerves and my high gardening expectations on their heads. The Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock reminded me today that these tomato plants are not my own. They are not accountable to me. The problem with my nerves (and the absurdity of the pressure I’ve put on myself to succeed at gardening) is that my approach fails to recognize that these tomatoes are not mine, but *God’s*. They are part of *God’s* creation, part of *God’s* reign. With my attention, the hose, the rain, the sun, and a process for growth that has nothing to do with my aptitude for botany, the tomatoes will do what they will do. As Rev. Warnock suggested, the plant grows in response to God, not to me! Which is not to suggest that if the plant dies, it will have failed God, but rather to suggest that if I get to bite into a juicy tomato later this summer, I will taste the very true proclamation that God is GOOD.

This is the good news we see and taste, proclaimed by the beauty of creation that surrounds us. This is the good news that God is alive and at work in the world with us. Can you taste it?



**Summer Studies 2009**  
[www.summerstudies.net](http://www.summerstudies.net)

*Classes Begin This Sunday*

## What's Christian About Learning?

*Education as a Human Right*

May 31 - August 30

Oglesby Building Atrium @ 9:45 a.m.



**MAY 31**

### *Our Roots In Education: Calvin and the Reformed Tradition*

The Presbyterian Church is grounded in a radical cultural shift that made education a matter of faith, a supreme value for the faithful, not just the elite. Education has been a feature of the Reformed community wherever its people settled.

**George Stroup**, Ph.D., is J.B. Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is a scholar of the seventeenth-century and John Calvin whose interests are contemporary and constructive theology, including hermeneutics, Christology, and the role of narrative in theology.



**JUNE 7**

### *Who Is Responsible for Public Education?*

Are there workable strategies to change the high drop-out rates of our public schools and promote achievement at higher levels of learning? Can our nation afford to leave education to just the professional educators?

**Neil Shorthouse** is President and Founder of Communities in Schools of Georgia. He has dedicated his adult life to improving educational opportunities for all children. Communities in Schools is a nonprofit organization with more than thirty-five years of service to the State of Georgia's public school students. CIS serves as a model for dropout prevention programs and has been replicated throughout the nation.

## Children's Big Liturgical Arts Summer Tour = Children's B.L.A.S.T.

Our new summer church school for elementary children

B.L.A.S.T. classroom located on the second floor of the Oglesby Building.

Class assistants are needed! To sign up for a Sunday, contact Linda Smith at  
[lsmith@cpatlanta.org](mailto:lsmith@cpatlanta.org)



## 2009 All-Church Retreat Montreat, North Carolina

Saturday, September 5— Monday, September 7

***Reclaim, Reconnect, Recreate, Rejoice***

Registration continues in Tull Hall this Sunday; you may also download a registration form from the Education page of Central's website.

## Ordination and Installation

On Sunday, May 17, Virginia Knight (Class of 2011) and deacons and elders for the Class of 2012 were ordained and installed, except for elder Gary Cornell, who was installed on Sunday, May 25.

### Session

#### Class of 2010

Amy Conlee  
Reba Griffith  
Kathy Harben  
Sandy Hoke  
Anne Huss  
Bob Riordan  
Bettye Russell  
Paul Zwier

#### Class of 2011

Tony Amos  
Mark Borst  
Sarah Cook  
Marcia Crosland  
Ann Hunter  
Virginia Knight  
Tom Leslie  
Mike Sizemore  
Cynthia Smith

#### Class of 2012

Edna Bacon  
Ed Carwile  
Vicki Collier  
Gary Cornell  
Eleanor Lancaster  
Joan Murchison  
Leslie Pope  
Fred Russell

Moderator: Gary Charles  
Vice Moderator: Caroline Kelly  
Clerk of Session: John Huss

### Diaconate

#### Class of 2010

Sherry Finch  
Max Gallman  
Tom Holcomb  
Marcia Hunter  
Ellen Thompson

#### Class of 2011

John Bryan  
Mary Hill  
Judy Kisla  
Oliver Ladd  
David Messer  
Rick Wornat

#### Class of 2012

Marci Bozeman  
Sally Dobbins  
Mark Ferguson  
Vicki Norman  
Frances St. John



## IN Memoriam RUTH L. WINDSOR

May 25, 1919—May 26, 2009

A Service in Witness to the Resurrection and in Gratitude to God for Ruth's life will be held Saturday, May 30, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in Rand Chapel. Burial will follow at Westview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors in the Parlor at Central from 10:00—10:30 a.m.

*Blessed are those who die in the Lord from henceforth.*

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Week

*A complete list is posted on the board outside the church offices*

### Hospital

Hubert V. (Bert) Taylor (former Minister of Music)  
Former member David Forney  
Former member Guy Schneider  
Catherine Covington's brother

### Ill or Recovering from Illness

Becky Sparks, Margery Brown's daughter

### Congratulations to affiliate member Pam Gnagy!

The Presbytery of Utica voted yesterday to endorse Pam as a Candidate for Ordination to the Ministry of Word & Sacrament.



The congregation extends its sympathy to Joe and Jane Conyers in the death of their nephew, Harold Hook, and three of his daughters, in a plane crash in Nevada on Friday, May 22.

The congregation extends its sympathy to frequent visitor Darlene House in the death of her grandmother in Boston on Saturday, May 16.

*Please give generously*  
**Pentecost Offering**

The Pentecost Offering supports mission with children at risk, youth, and young adults through the following ministries:

- ✚ Central Presbyterian Church's ministries on behalf of children at risk (40%)
- ✚ General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults (25%)
- ✚ Advocacy at the denominational level on behalf of children at risk (10%)
- ✚ PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer opportunities (25%)

Offering envelopes are available as an insert to the Sunday bulletin; you may also send your check to the church office, attention Tammy Clyne, with *Pentecost Offering* noted on your check.



**Veni Sancte Spiritus**  
*Come, Holy Spirit*

Jesus knew Pentecost—which means “fiftieth day”—as a festival marking the Jewish tradition that the Ten Commandments were given to Moses fifty days after the first Passover.

The celebration entered Christian practice in the first century when, according to the Book of Acts, as disciples were praying in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descended upon them in wind and flame. They began speaking in many languages, causing such an uproar that a crowd gathered. When Peter seized this opportunity to tell the people about Jesus, some 3,000 were converted to Christianity and the Church was born.

On Pentecost, we exhort the Holy Spirit to descend upon our worship and work. Throughout the service, liturgical dancers will represent the Spirit moving in all we do.  
 Happy Birthday, Church!

**Remember—wear something RED to worship Sunday!**

**Add These Dates to Your Calendar**

✚ **Monday, June 8**

Rebekah Circle, Millie Walling, Chair, will hold its final meeting of the year on Monday, June 8, 11:00 a.m., at the home of Ella Ruth Hunnicutt. Sally Brown will be co-hostess. This final meeting of the program year will be a covered dish salad luncheon. We will discuss Chapter 9 in our study book on “Luke’s Gospel for the Poor.” Please bring much—needed personal care items for the Outreach and Advocacy Center, dried food for the food pantry, and Campbell soup labels, pop tops, and cancelled stamps.

✚ **Tuesday, June 9**

**Men!** Save 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for our monthly gathering at Manuel’s Tavern. An email reminder will be sent. Questions? Contact Brian Bishop.