

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

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Greeters

Daphne & Michael Evans
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Caring for Our Youngest Members

Infant & Toddler Room
 Johanna Phelan

Preschool and Pre-K Room
 Claire & Carolyn Riordan

Choir Guild

Jane Conyers



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

Brian Blount, Ph.D., President of Union Presbyterian Seminary;
 Kathy Ashe, State Representative for House District 56

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 or talk to one of the Resident Pastors: Emily, Catherine or Erika.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, August 23

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
 12:15 p.m. Lunch
 12:30 p.m. Sixth Grade Youth and Parents Lunch
 Youth Suite
 7:00 p.m. Dessert with Youth
 Report on Iona Trip
 Tull Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

12:00 p.m. Staff Retreat
 Calvin Center

Wednesday, August 26

Staff retreat continues until noon.
 5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir

Thursday, August 27

10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting

Friday, August 28

7:30 p.m. Choir Camp
 Trinity Presbyterian, Atlanta

Saturday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Grant Park Festival
 9:30 a.m. Choir Camp continues
 Trinity Presbyterian, Atlanta
 10:00 a.m. Children's Pool Party
 Charles Residence
 12:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party
 Charles Residence

Sunday, August 30

9:00 a.m. Choir Camp continues
 Music Suite. CPC
 11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
 Gary Charles preaching
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
 12:15 p.m. Lunch
 12:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Grant Park Festival continues
 1:00 p.m. Worship Ed & Akaloo Trng.
 Room 206

He Qi Art Exhibit - Tull Hall



You are invited to visit our summer art exhibit in Tull Hall after worship today. The exhibit includes 44 paintings by artist He Qi (*Huh Chee*), whose work was featured in the PCUSA planning calendar in 2004-2005, and the Easter Poster in 2006. He has been committed to the artistic creation of modern Chinese Christian Art since 1983. In his works, He Qi has blended Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting techniques with the western art of the Middle and Modern Ages, and has created an artistic style of color-on-paper painting. Posters are on sale after worship today in Tull Hall - \$10.00.

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WORSHIP STAFF

Gary W. Charles, Pastor • Caroline M. Kelly, Associate Pastor
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 Stephen A. Bacon, Coordinator, Pastoral Residency Program

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P. C. (Buddy) Ennis

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 23, 2009

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Ethiopian Eunuch, Paul Goodnight

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY GO FORTH INTO ALL THE WORLD GERHARDT KRAPP
(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 THOU, LORD, CREATOR SPIRIT JEFFREY H. RICKARD
CHANCEL CHOIR
Come thou, Lord, creator spirit, tune the humble heart to thee,
From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee.
Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor, let the wall of temple ring,
Seraphs' cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing.
Thou so mighty, now recover for thyself thy majesty,
Thou, so gentle, now deliver for thyself thy people free.

✠OPENING SENTENCES FROM TRUMPET IN ZION

The God of each new day calls us.
We expect an endless array of opportunities.
The God of each new beginning beckons us.
We anticipate new possibilities to be set before us.
The God of every fresh start awaits us.
We have gathered to receive anew the promises of abundant life.

✠HYMN NO. 443 O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION AURELIA

✠CALL TO CONFESSION

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, lover of our souls, we come to you with broken relationships. Breathe upon us the breath of new life. Forgive us our sin. Help us to love in deeds that reveal your presence in our life. Empower us to walk in the new life of the Christ, in whose name we pray...
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✠KYRIE MICHAEL MORGAN
(Found in the inside back cover of your hymnal)

✠DECLARATION OF PARDON

✠RESPONSE HYMN NO. 457, STANZA 4 TOULON

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON 1 JOHN 4:7-21 PAGE 230, NT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER PSALM 22B LAND OF REST
(Found in the Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew, page 33)

SECOND LESSON ACTS 8:26-40 PAGE 120, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON NOT MY AREA BRIAN K. BLOUNT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN NO. 440 IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST MCKEE

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ADAPTED FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY SEND YOUR WORD THOMAS KEESECKER
CHANCEL CHOIR
Send your word, O Lord, like the rain, falling upon the earth.
We seek your endless grace with souls that hunger and thirst, sorrow and agonize.
We would all be lost in dark without your guiding light.

Send your word, O Lord, like the wind, blowing upon the earth.
We seek your wondrous power, pureness that rejects all sins, though they persist and cling.
Bring us to complete victory; set us all free indeed.

Send your word, O Lord, like the dew, coming gently upon the hills.
We seek your endless love, for life that suffers in strife with adversities and hurts,
O send your healing power of love. We long for your new world. Send your word.

✠AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 414, STANZA 3 FOREST GREEN

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN NO. 495 WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED ENGELBERG

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠CHORAL RESPONSE THE PEACE OF THE EARTH BE WITH YOU GUATEMALA
CHANCEL CHOIR

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY PRELUDE ON ENGELBERG JAMES PETHEL

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 Gary Charles, Caroline Kelly, and Erika Rembert.
Our lector today is Tricia Berrett.
We welcome the Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount to our pulpit. Brian is President of the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.
Today we welcome back our pastor, Gary Charles, who is returning from his sabbatical.
Choir Camp is the weekend of August 28-30. If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir, contact Dave VanderMeer at dvandermeer@cpatlanta.org.
Audio recordings of today's sermon may be found on the Central website: <http://cpatlanta.org/worship/sermons.html>. You may also subscribe to the podcast of sermons preached at Central by visiting <http://cpatlanta.org/worship/podcast.html>.
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