

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

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A group of faithful volunteers

Greeters
John & Ann Bryan
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Margaret Montgomery

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Campbell-Eagan: Fred Russell
Washington Street: Bettye Russell

Deacons of the Day
Judy Kisla
Vicki Norman

Collectors of Friendship Pads
The Pittman Family
Lisa, Pete, Alex and Nicki

Caring for Our Youngest Members
Infants & Toddlers
Andrea & Ashley Bruce

Preschool & Pre-K Room
Kevin Byers & Sarah Cook



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 has focused 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

Today's speaker was Trace Haythorn, President of the Fund for Theological Education

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 30
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m. Worship Ed Teacher Training

Monday, August 31
1:30 p.m. Staff Devotions
Rand Chapel
2:00 p.m. All-Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

Tuesday, September 1
1:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, September 2
5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 3
10:00 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting

Friday, September 4
No events scheduled

Saturday, September 5
All-Church Retreat
Montreat, North Carolina

Sunday, September 6
All-Church Retreat continues
11:00 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day
Holy Communion
Margaret Aymer preaching

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

Monday, September 7
All-Church Retreat continues
Church Offices closed for Labor Day

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. This is the last Sunday of the exhibit. Posters and artwork are available for sale in Tull Hall after worship.

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WORSHIP STAFF

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Stephen A. Bacon, Coordinator, Pastoral Residency Program

PASTOR EMERITUS
P. C. (Buddy) Ennis

IN PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
Matthew Flemming & Jillian Embrey

SERVICE FOR
THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 30, 2009

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Timothy Botts.Calligrapher

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY SONATA IN C MAJOR J. S. BACH
ANDANTE, ALLEGRO, MINUET
JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE; MICHAEL MORGAN, ORGAN
(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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
God of the heart and God of the mind.
Praise God from whom all mercies flow,
God of the night and God of the day.
Praise God from whom all love freely flows,
God of our Sabbath and God of our work.
Praise God!
Alleluia, Amen!

✦ HYMN NO. 267 ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL ROYAL OAK

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, hear our prayers. When we treat sin as a rare disease rather than a persistent plague upon us, forgive us. When we rush to judgment while sparing any self-critique, forgive us. When we treat time as our captive, forgetting each hour is a holy gift, forgive us. Merciful God, in your grace and through your love, cleanse us and free us to live as forgiven and forgiving people . . .
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

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

✦ DECLARATION OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE HYMN NO. 356, STANZA 3 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 thy courts above.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON JAMES 1:17-27 PAGE 219, NT, PEW BIBLE

PSALTER PSALM 45A MONKLAND
(Found in the Psalter for Christian Worship located in your pew, page 57)

SECOND LESSON MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 PAGE 39, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON UNCOMMON LIVES GARY W. CHARLES

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN AS A CHALICE CAST OF GOLD DIX
As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright, and brimmed with wine,
Make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.
Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed
And the pious, babbling din of the claimed but un-lived creed.
Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.

When I bend upon my knees, clasp my hands, or bow my head,
Let my spoken, public pleas be directly, simply said,
Free of tangled words that mask what my soul would plainly ask.

When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,
When I preach your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect your inward light.

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE IONA ABBEY WORSHIP BOOK

We believe in God;
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

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 OPEN THOU MINE EYES JOHN RUTTER
CHANCEL CHOIR
Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.
O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else,
No other nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee
according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
in blessing of lips, in private and public.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN NO. 356, STANZA 1 NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE BLESS AND KEEP US LORD MARK SEDIO
CHANCEL CHOIR
JIM ZELLERS AND CAROLINE KELLY, FLUTES
May your gracious love stay with us, Lord.
Quench our thirsty hearts, our weary souls.
Bless and keep us, Lord.
Look on me, Lord, in your unfailing love, and wash me clean as the mountains.
Renew my spirit and mend my broken heart. Guide me, O Lord, in your ways.
Open my mouth and I will sing your praise. O let me hear of your mercy.
Surely your goodness will always follow me all of the days of my life.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY TOCCATA, COME THOU FOUNT GORDON YOUNG

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, Emily Wilmarth, and Catherine Neelly.

Our lector today is Wills Moore.

Every Fifth Sunday we take an additional offering for PATH, the Presbyterian Answer to Hunger, to support denominational efforts to end hunger. Please use the PATH envelopes in your bulletin to make your contribution.

Margaret Aymer will serve as pastor on call for Saturday, Sunday and Monday while we are at Montreat. Her cell phone number is: 404-514-0262.

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