

JANUARY 1, 2017 | FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Flight to Egypt
John August Swanson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *DANCE PRELUDE ON BRING A TORCH* JEANNETTE, ISABELLA -
ARR. CHRISTOPHER UEHLEIN

BRENT IVEY, ORGANIST

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

*By God's purposes, our lives are lived.
By God's grace, our hopes are bright..
God is with us in this new year, forgiving, leading, making new,
So that we may walk in the way of Jesus, the Christ.*

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

For the younger ones among us:

Today we are thinking about “imagination.” If we imagine something it might be something that we make up - that we create in our minds. But it also might mean thinking about something that is real, but thinking about it in a new way. Sometimes kids are better than grown-ups at using their imaginations! Maybe grown-ups need to practice more!

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ADAPTED FROM *THE WORSHIP BOOK*

Eternal God, you make all things new and forgive old wrongs we can't forget. Yet we confess that the new year is harder to embrace than the old one, for we cling to the familiar rather than embrace the promise of what is unscripted. We have been spinning our wheels, and the calendar condemns us; we find it easier to flee complexity than to claim the purposes you place before us. Lead us into this new year, free from fear, free from sin, free to love and ready to serve . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦KYRIE

LEE AFDAHL

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦PASSING THE PEACE

✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 121, STANZA 4

ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angel the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SANDRA McDONALD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 63:7-9

PAGE 710 OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 2:13-23

PAGE 2, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

IMAGINATION, PART 2

DAVID COZAD

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 154

JESUS ENTERED EGYPT

KING'S WESTON

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work.
We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now.
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

COVENTRY CAROL
CHANCEL CHOIR

ARR. MARTIN SHAW

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child. By by, lully lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do, for to preserve this day
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing,
By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day,
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
By by, lully lullay!

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN NO. 121, STANZA 3

ST. LOUIS

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No one may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN NO. 160

A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED

ANDUJAR

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 113, REFRAIN

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD

-ARR. PAUL MANZ

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion will be celebrated next week, January 8, 2017.

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgist today is Anna George Traynham.

Our lector today is Sandra McDonald.

Audio recordings of sermons may be found at www.cpcast.org. You may subscribe to podcasts at that site and find us on Facebook as "Central Presbyterian Church."

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

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THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

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Bell Ringer

Tony Amos



Taizé Prayer

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

*(a service of songs, scripture, silence, prayer,
meditation, and candles)*
Tuesday, January 3

6:00 p.m. Labyrinth open in Tull Hall
for Centering Prayer

7:00 p.m. Taizé in Rand Chapel
Parking is available on the street.

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, January 1

No lunch today
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed
College Conference begins

Tuesday, January 3

10:00 p.m. Worship Staff
6:00 p.m. Labyrinth opens
7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Wednesday, January 4

5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Thursday, January 5

College Conference concludes

Friday, January 6

Senior High Youth Retreat begins

Saturday, January 7

No events scheduled

Sunday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
9:30 a.m. Winter Studies begins
9:45 a.m. Kiva
11:00 a.m. Worship for Lord's Day
Michelle Hwang preaching
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Global Mission meeting
12:30 p.m. Local Mission meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Hangout

THIS IS OUR STORY: WINTER STUDIES 2017

Each January, Central holds a special combined Sunday school series. This year, the series is sponsored by the Invitation Committee, and you are invited! Over the course of the 5 weeks, we will hear stories from others and learn to recognize value in our *own* stories. We will create a space for everyone - including ourselves - to be seen. Each week will have a combination of facilitated listening, small group conversation, and theological reflection.

Sundays, January 8 through February 5
in the Atrium

9:30 a.m. Gathering and Coffee
9:45 a.m. Stories begin