



Joshua  
Philip Ratner  
Israel Bible Museum

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** VOLUNTARY IN G MINOR GEORGE BERG, ARR. SUSAN MARCHANT  
REBECCA COLLINS TESTERMAN, OBOE, AND VICKI FEY, ORGAN

*(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

MICHELLE HWANG

*Because from the beginning, God has been faithful,  
we aim to serve God with lives of faithfulness.  
Because in the trinity, God patterned community,  
we bring our lives together in this church.  
Because God's prophets stood up for justice,  
We join our voices to witness for peace.  
Because God has showered us with love,  
We gather to worship God!*

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.

Lectionary Texts for today:  
Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

## For the younger ones among us:

When we worship God, we bring gifts to God and to the church. Sometimes those are physical gifts, like the offering we collect in worship. Sometimes we offer gifts of music, when we sing together, or gifts of friendship, when we care for one another. What gifts do YOU bring to God's service? Ask your family about the gifts they bring, too!

### ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

### ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know that you are a God of abundance, and yet often we have been a people of scarcity. You have showered us with reasons for praise, but we have not always shared your gifts with the world. You have granted us opportunities for love, and we have responded with cold indifference. You have given us chances to be transformed, and we have fallen into old, selfish habits. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Empower us to know the depth of your grace. Move us to respond with lives of faithfulness, until our every movement is an act of praise, our every word a song of thanksgiving, and our every breath a prayer: *alleluia . . .*

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### ✦KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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

### ✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ✦PASSING THE PEACE

### ✦RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 556

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.  
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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

MATTHEW 25:1-13

PAGE 26, NT, PEW BIBLE

### ANTHEM

ALL GOOD GIFTS

JEFFREY HONORÉ

JERUSALEM CHOIR: RACHEL STEWART, DIRECTOR; KAREN BROWN, ACCOMPANIST

*Refrain:* All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
So thank you, God, O thank you, God, for all your gifts of love.  
We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand. (*Refrain*)  
You send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain. (*Refrain*)  
O God, you are the maker of all things near and far;  
You plant the wayside flowers, and light the evening star. (*Refrain*)  
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread (*Refrain*)  
We thank you, our Creator, for all things bright and good;  
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. (*Refrain*)  
For all that we can offer your boundless love imparts,  
The gifts to you most pleasing are humble, thankful hearts. (*Refrain*)

SECOND READING

JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25

PAGE 219, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

THEREFORE

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

SILENCE AND STILLNESS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN NO. 141

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

PERSONENT HODIE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

DAVID COZAD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

RICHARD HILLERT

CHANCEL CHOIR AND REBECCA COLLINS TESTERMAN, OBOE

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,

Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up our selves in praise:

Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one,

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;

Born with talents, make us servants, fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;

Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,

Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by serving all.

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN NO. 709

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

✦ LITANY OF DEDICATION

*Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,  
bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.*

*These pledges represent our work, our lives, and our dreams,  
and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.*

*May they be the first fruits of all we have,  
and not what we have left over.*

*May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,  
and not a gift of obligation or exchange.*

*May we use them wisely for your service,  
to reflect your love to this city and this world.*

*May they move us to be more faithful disciples,  
and energize us for lives of generosity.*

*In gratitude for the grace of God,  
in the warmth of God's hospitality,  
and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ,  
We dedicate these pledges to the work of God  
at Central Presbyterian Church in 2018.*

*Thanks be to God!*

*Alleluia! Amen.*

### 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.

It is the tradition of this church that the congregation make financial pledges for the coming year, which become the basis of the church's budget. Today, we will dedicate the congregation's 2018 pledges to God and ask that God lead us in using them. **To symbolize each person's contribution to the life of this church, everyone will be invited to tie a ribbon on the banner at the front of the sanctuary.** The banner will be used in worship on several Sundays throughout the next year, as a reminder that faithful worship leads us into lives of faithful stewardship.

If you have not made a pledge for 2018, you are invited to do so by placing a pledge card in an offering plate or visiting [www.cpcatlanta.org/stewardship](http://www.cpcatlanta.org/stewardship).

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN** No. 712

*AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRSTFRUITS BROUGHT*

FOREST GREEN

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

HYMN No. 558

AMEN (ROBERTS)

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING*

MARY BETH BENNETT

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our liturgists today** are David Cozad and Michelle Hwang.  
**Our lector today** is Tricia Berrett.  
**Audio recordings** of sermons may be found at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org). You may find us on Facebook as “Central Presbyterian Church.”  
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Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus

## MEMBERS IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION AS MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sarah Paulsen  
 Erin Burt  
 Julia Watkins

## 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](mailto:dcozad@cpcatlanta.org) to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

**Ushers**  
 Susan Landrum ▪ Hugh Landrum,  
 co-captains ▪ Carolyn Porter  
 Mike Sizemore ▪ Chris Kelly  
 Kathy Walker ▪ Terry Tusher  
 Shelley Parnes

**Greeters**  
 Shirley Landrum ▪ Deanna Robbins

**Deacons of the Day**  
 Chantal Tusher ▪ Paul Greene

**Sound Engineer**  
 Kim McNair

**Counters**  
 Lee Biola ▪ David Messer  
 Carol McCullough Messer

**Collectors of Friendship Pads**  
 Cook-Byers Family  
 Sarah, Kevin, Sam & David

Jo & Ted McMurtrie

**Bell Ringer**  
 Bliss Family

**Choir Guild**  
 Beth Gustafson

**Last day to order  
 Christmas Greens to  
 support our Youth Ministry is Sunday,  
 November 12. Don't put it off!**



## NOVEMBER 19 - BAKED GOODS TO SUPPORT REFUGEES

Just Bakery of Atlanta will be selling baked goods in Tull Hall before and after worship.

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

**Sunday, November 12**  
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
 12:45 p.m. Council of Ministries  
 5:00 p.m. Bow Making and Youth Fellowship

**Monday, November 13**  
 2:00 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out  
*Kathy Ashe home*

**Tuesday, November 14**  
 No events scheduled

**Wednesday, November 15**  
 5:30 p.m. Geneva Handbell Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 16**  
 10:00 a.m. Program Staff Long-Range

**Friday, November 17**  
 No events scheduled

**Saturday, November 18**  
 10:00 a.m. Music and Liturgical Arts  
 Work Day

**Sunday, November 19**  
 9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs  
 9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Michelle Hwang preaching  
 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
 12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
 4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

## MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Join the mothers of elementary school and younger children for a Mom's Night Out at the home of Kathy Ashe tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Eleanor Dake at [eleanordake@gmail.com](mailto:eleanordake@gmail.com)