



Parable of the Talents  
Annette Gandy Fortt

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY      WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD      RONALD A. NELSON

*(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

*In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:  
we are given enough joy to live each day.  
In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:  
we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.  
In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:  
we are given enough grace to share each day.*

THOM SHUMAN  
DAVID COZAD

✠ HYMN NO. 612      WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD      KREMSEY

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:  
Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

## For the younger ones among us:

Parables are stories about everyday things and events. We can study Jesus' parables all of our lives and find something surprising each time. In today's parable there are three servants. Two took the money given to them by a rich man and made more money while the third servant buried his one coin because he knew the rich man made his money unfairly. Which servant do you think the disciples wanted to be? Which servant do you think Jesus is asking us to be like?

### ✦CALL TO CONFESSION

### ✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, even when we fall into sin, your Spirit invites us to remember that you chose us to be your servant people. Forgive us when we have little patience for events that puzzle us, little practice with the search for deep answers. Yet you call us to be people who do what is right, no matter how long the journey. Have mercy on us when we reduce our neighbors to our idea of who they are, without seeking to know them first. Give us the humility that leads to justice . . .

*(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

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

PAGE 556, OT, PEW BIBLE

### ANTHEM

THE MORNING TRUMPET

ARR. TIMOTHY PAUL BANKS

CHANCEL CHOIR

Oh, when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that mornin',  
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and . . .  
Shout O glory for I shall mount above the skies, . . .  
When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, . . .  
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasure in, . . .  
But now I am a servant, and Jesus is my king, . . .  
He's given me salvation, his praise my heart will sing, . . .  
His promises are faithful. A righteous crown he'll give, . . .  
And all his valiant soldiers eternally shall live, . . .

### SECOND READING

MATTHEW 25:14-30

PAGE 26, NT, PEW BIBLE

### SERMON

MICHELLE HWANG

### SILENCE AND STILLNESS

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠HYMN No. 377

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

HOUSTON

## ✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

KIMBERLY PARKER

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

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.

## 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 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

ARR. BRIAN CHILDERS

GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

## ✠AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN No. 295

GO TO THE WORLD

SINE NOMINE

## ✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 643, STANZA 1

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices,  
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us o our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY CHORAL IMPROVISATION ON NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

### 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.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad and Kimberly Parker.

Today's lector is David York.

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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Vicki Fey	Organist
Michael Morgan	Organist Emeritus

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

Sarah Paulsen  
Erin Burt  
Julia Watkins

## THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

### Ushers

Becky Battle, captain  
Karen Gravel ▪ Philip Covin  
Sandy Hoke ▪ Jeff Dake  
Ella Ruth Hunnicut ▪ Kevin Byers  
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### Greeters

Katie Leware ▪ Nancy Wilkes  
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### Collectors of Friendship Pads

The Heidbreder Family:  
Ginger & Russell  
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Anne, Lewis, and Elizabeth  
Katie Leware

### Bell Ringer

Ed Carwile

### Choir Guild

Lynne Rea

## THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

### Sunday, November 19

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil  
12:15 p.m. Fair Trade Coffee and  
Baked Goods  
4:50 p.m. Jerusalem Choir  
6:00 p.m. Friendsgiving  
Rentz-Baker home

### Monday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Program Staff Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, November 21

No events scheduled

### Wednesday, November 22

No events scheduled

### Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving - Office closed

### Friday, November 24

Office closed

### Saturday, November 25

No events scheduled

### Sunday, November 26

11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day  
David Cozad preaching  
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil

### NOVEMBER 19 - BAKED GOODS TO SUPPORT REFUGEES

Just Bakery of Atlanta will be selling baked goods in Tull Hall before and after worship today, along with the usual monthly fair-trade coffee sale. We are excited to partner with Just Bakery and their bakers to create diverse, life-giving community and economic security as they settle into their new homes and lives in the Atlanta area.



@centralpresat1

### 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!

### 'Tis the Season

Each year, Central offers you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one during Advent through a gift to the Sanctuary Flower Fund. Your gift will continue to bring joy and beauty by supporting the general flower fund throughout the New Year.

You may complete a form on the CPC website (Go to the home page; follow the link to *Joy of Giving*) or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or in Sandra McDonald's mail folder in the church office by Monday, December 18, along with a check payable to "Central Presbyterian Church" and designated for "Sanctuary Flower Fund." Names of donors and those being remembered or honored will be published in the worship bulletin on December 24.



Central's Sanctuary Flower Fund Donor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

This Gift is made in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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