Letting Go Holding On

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

November 9, 2025, 9:15 AM

Central Christian Church

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About our service: Feel free to bring your coffee with you

into the worship area.

You are welcome to leave an offering with us if you are motivated. Deposit your offering in the box on the north wall behind the worship area or text 217-212-2173 for text-to-give or visit www.cccdisciples.org to give online.

MEDITATION TABLE:

STONES & VASE

Stones represent burden. Put the stones in the vase and leave the burden with God.

CANDLE

Light a candle for any praise or prayer concerns you have.

COMFORT CROSS

Take one with you as a reminder that Jesus loves you unconditionally.

SCRIPTURE CARDS

Take one and place it where you will see it throughout your week.

PRAYER WALL

Stop by our prayer wall and leave a prayer for others to offer with you or to pray for those already posted.

During the month of November a class is being offered during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:15am), based on the book Incarnation – Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas by Adam Hamilton. The class meets in the Disciples Room. Scott Woolridge is leading the class. Come and prepare for Advent before the busyness of the season starts.

You Are Welcome

Anticipating Advent: A Morning for Prayer and Devotion

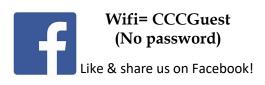
You are invited! Saturday, Nov. 15th, from 9-12:30, in the **Disciples Room** (a change from last year, due to roofing) will be our Pre-Advent Quiet Morning. This year Advent begins Nov. 30th which is the Sunday immediately after Thanksgiving. This makes for a tight time frame for the four weeks prior to Christmas which is always a busy season. Hope and hopeful stories from the Bible will be the focus. The 2025 edition will be like last year's with readings on the hour and on the half hour. I have designed it so that people can come for an hour or convenient time as your schedule allows or you may wish to attend for the entire morning. I will be using content from HOPE - A User's Manual by Maryann McKibben Dana and Voices of Advent by Matthew Skinner (one of my favorite biblical professors/preaching facilitators). Please sign up at the Welcome Center or The Great Hall. Be sure to check if you are willing to be a reader and the time you plan to come (9-10am, 10-11, 11-12). This will be a quiet meditative time. You may wish to bring a journal. Feel free to contact Rev. Melinda at melinda.mcdonald@cccdisciples.org.

Flu Shots and Pneumonia Vaccines on Sunday, Nov. 16

On Sunday, Nov. 16, representatives from a local pharmacy will be available to administer flu shots and pneumonia vaccines. They will be at Central from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Anyone can get a flu shot and/or vaccine. However... you must let the office know, so that the pharmacist can bring the appropriate amount of doses, and bring your insurance card. To sign up, you may email central@cccdisciples.org or call 217-428-4336 or sign up at the Welcome Center or in the back of the Great Hall to get your name on the list (Note: we will let everyone know by a few days before Nov. 16).

Are you interested in joining Central?

The only thing required to be a member of Central Christian is having faith in Jesus Christ. If you are moved during the service to confess your faith, or transfer your membership to Central, simply come up to the minister at the communion table during the communion time. If you wish to talk with a minister more about membership, simply let a pastor know after worship.



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Luke 19:12-27 NRSVUE

¹²So he said, "A nobleman went to a distant region to receive royal power for himself and then return. 13 He summoned ten of his slaves and gave them ten pounds and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back.' 14 But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to rule over us.' 15 When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves to whom he had given the money to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by doing business. 16 The first came forward and said, 'Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.' 17 He said to him, 'Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.' 18 Then the second came, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made five pounds.' 19 He said to him, 'And you, rule over five cities.' 20 Then the other came, saying, 'Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.' 22 He said to him, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why, then, did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.' 24 He said to the bystanders, 'Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' 25 (And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten pounds!') 26 'I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 27 But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to rule over them – bring them here and slaughter them in my presence."

Notes:



Central Christian Preschool





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Serving Today, 11/9

Elder – David York Deacon – Laurie & Rod Damery Greeter – Cheryl & Dave Zollinger Liturgist – Cheryl Zollinger Snacks – Susie Turner

Serving Next Sunday, 11/16

Elder – Linda Rowden Deacon – Kaitlin & Mark Glause Greeter – Andy & Theresa Fulk Liturgist – Theresa Fulk Snacks – Laura Kappler