

Mories in the Windows

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) 2261 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia 30904

SOUNDING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE Entrée (from Liturgical Suite)

Dénis Bédard (b. 1950)

INTROIT Surely the Lord is in This Place

Herbert Colvin (1923—2011)

*CALL TO WORSHIP1

O God, it is your nature to give without limit.

You have given us yourself. God with us.

In freedom we have received your Spirit.

Help us to freely give it away, then receive it back.

We want to say with the servant,

"You gave me two talents. I have made two more!"

Let us take part in your Spirit, and share in your eternal joy as we worship and serve alongside one another here in this place!

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran

Holy One, when we consider all that you are and how you have entrusted so much to us we are truly overwhelmed with riches. You have showered us with possibilities and entrusted us with the upbuilding of your Kingdom and the sharing of your Word. May we be worthy of that trust—may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live. Help us dare to dream big dreams, take what we have been blessed to receive and multiply it a thousandfold in ministry, care, outreach, and opportunities for others to be welcomed into this church on a corner of Walton Way and into the church universal in Christ our Lord.

*SILENCE

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

In Christ we have received gifts beyond measure and a hope that cannot be stolen from us, that will not fade or rust, but can be shared for the glory of God's name.

We give thanks to his holy name for God's goodness and mercy endures forever!

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

OFFERTORY Aria Noel Rawsthorne

(1929 - 2019)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

(K-2nd graders are now dismissed to Children's Church)

*HYMN 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Boyd Lien

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

ANTHEM

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Langston (1928–2012)

God of Grace and God of Glory on Thy people pour Thy power;

Crown Thy ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days!

Set our feet on lofty places:

Gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee!

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for a New Day

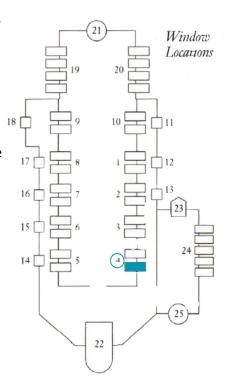
J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

Bulletin Cover—Facing the chancel on the right wall, window (#4) consists of two lancets illustrating how Jesus often taught about God using stories called parables. The bulletin cover depicts the bottom window in the right lancet. This is the parable of the talents. In the foreground the man who was trusted with a single talent digs it up from where he had buried it, keeping it safe but not increasing it. His master scolds him with an upraised finger and calls him slothful.

Flowers—The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the first wedding anniversary of Virginia and Whitt Rutland, and honoring Rev. Boyd Lien for his service to and love for our congregation by Heather and Jed Howington.

The flowers in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Shelby Woods DeMeyers and John Marshall Scott on September 6.

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^{*}All who are able please stand

¹ inspired by Matthew 25:14-30, adapted from prayer by A. Osdieck

² adapted from prayer by Richard J. Fairchild; based on Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, September 7, 2025 **Participating in Worship**

Preaching Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Worship Leaders Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran Rev. Boyd Lien

Ms. Joy Maple

Musicians

Dr. Wavne Lord Chancel Choir

Friendship Pad Jerry Howington

Acolyte Millie Johnson

Ushers

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