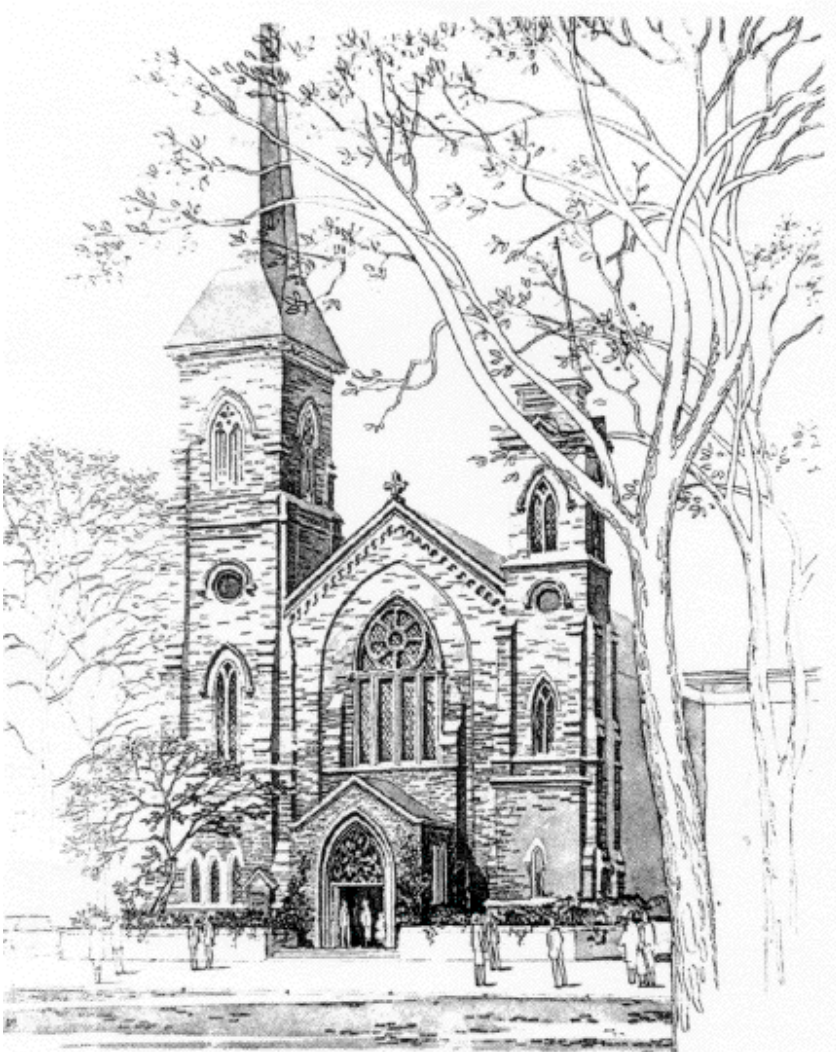


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 21, 2024 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Timothy Shaw

Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bless God, O my soul!

All that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Our faithful God claims us in the waters of baptism.

Our loving God washes us in grace.

Let us worship God with gratitude and joy!

***HYMN**

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,

making us a part of your church, the body of Christ.

**We confess that we tend to become preoccupied with ourselves
and separated from one another.**

We often cling to destructive habits and hold on to grudges.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promise of our baptism so that we may rise to new life
and live together with justice and grace. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 103:1-18

¹ Bless God, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

² Bless God, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

- who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 God works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 God made known God's ways to Moses,
God's acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 God will not always accuse,
and will not be angry forever.
- 10 God does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere God;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.
- 13 As parents have compassion for their children,
so God has compassion for those who revere God.
- 14 For God knows how we were made,
and remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- 17 But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who revere God,
and God's righteousness to children's children,
- 18 to those who keep the covenant
and remember to do God's commandments.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Megan Hook, *soprano* and Beth Langley, *alto*

How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. Richard Walters

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth: How can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing?*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

You may place donations to the church in the offering plate as you exit. You may also send in a check or click Donate on the church website.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE BAPTISM OF JAMES TIMOTHY VAUGHT

See insert

***HYMN 498** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Promised Land”

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

arr. Joseph M. Martin

*During the postlude, some people sit or stand quietly and listen to the music.
Others prefer to connect with those around them or greet visitors as they leave.
Please feel free to make the transition between worship and re-entering the world
in whatever way is meaningful to you.*

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Announcements for July 21, 2024

Saturday, July 27

9:00 am Matthew 25 Farm volunteering

Sunday, July 28

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Household Closet

The Household Closet is moving to the room next door! We will do this work today after worship. Please help if you are able!

Flip Flop Drive

This summer we are collecting flip flops to send to Uganda with Marissa Saunders. Please bring flip flops of any size, color, and type (even Crocs!) to the church library by the end of July!

Matthew 25 Farm

We will be heading down to the Matthew 25 Farm in Tully this Saturday, July 27 to harvest crops to distribute to area food banks. We will meet at the farm at 9:00 am and work until around noon. Please contact the office if you need directions!

Church Cleanout

We will be renting a dumpster and cleaning out the church on August 9 and 10! Come one or both days, for as long or as short as you are able. There are jobs for all!

Syracuse Mets Game

We are purchasing a block of seats for the Syracuse Mets game on Saturday, August 24 at 6:35 pm! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall if you are interested in attending. The tickets cost the church \$15, but feel free to pay any amount, including \$0!

Block Party

Mark your calendars! This year's block party will be held on Saturday, September 14. Details to come!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Sara Hahne

The truth of baptism is revealed
in what it does and who it shows us to be,
cleansing us, not from dirt but from separation:
separation from God, separation from ourselves, separation from one another.

~ Br. James Koester

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship* and enfleshed.com.

Park Central has accepted the invitation
from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action,
where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
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Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
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