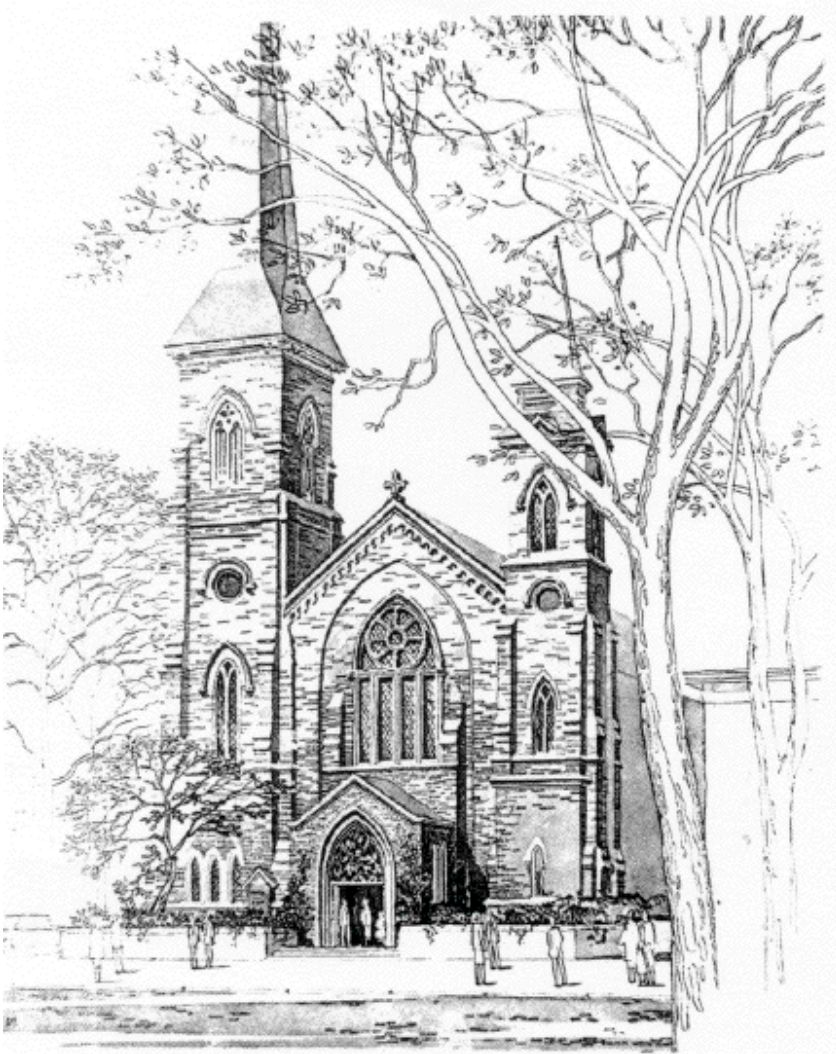


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 15, 2023 10:30 AM

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Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome & Announcements

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Pastorale” *from Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 8*

Arcangelo Corelli

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to offer all we have to God:

**our minds, our bodies; our hearts, our hopes.**

We come to offer all we are to God:

**our relationships with families and friends,**

**our longing to draw closer to others.**

We come to offer all we would be to God:

**our faith, our discipleship, our yearning to follow Jesus.**

We come to offer ourselves to God:

**who offers us life, joy, and peace in Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN 507** I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,**

**the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.**

**Pour out your mercy on us that we might**

**find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes,**

**move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray as we seek to follow the way of Jesus. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA (#576)

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
God called me before I was born  
and named me while I was in my mother's womb.
- <sup>2</sup> God made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
and hid me in the shadow of the hand of the Most High.  
God made me a polished arrow,  
and hid me away in God's quiver.
- <sup>3</sup> And God said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Most High  
and my reward with my God."
- <sup>5</sup> And now God says,  
who formed me in the womb to be God's servant,  
to bring Jacob back to God,  
and that Israel might be gathered to God,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Most High,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> God says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Most High,

the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Most High, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
John Ylvisaker

### I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

*I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child,  
With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God,  
To whom you now belong.*

*If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk to rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,  
Not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
Complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in  
And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Jesus. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard John say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

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 CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

### *The Invitation*

### *The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

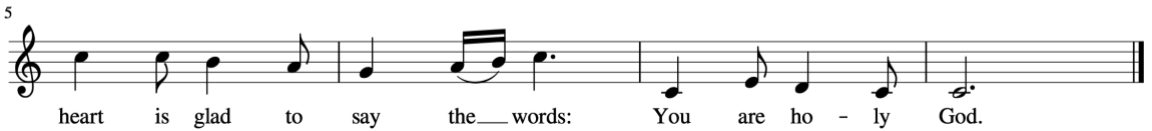
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With our whole heart,...

... Together, with all of creation, we sing your majesty:



You blessed us with the promise,....

... Great is the mystery of faith:



*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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*Words of Institution*

Giver of Every Mercy,...  
... both now and forever more.

**Amen.**

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*Organ Music During Communion*

Shall We Gather at the River – HANSON PLACE, arr. Patricia Lou Harris  
Melodia Sacra – Lani Smith

*Prayer after Communion*

**Mighty God,  
you have welcomed and strengthened us at your table.  
May we know that we have been fed with love and grace  
and may we follow you out into the world  
as ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 434** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Celebration”

David Paxton

*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.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists .....Michael and Susan Barbour

I choose to identify with the underprivileged.  
I choose to identify with the poor.  
I choose to give my life for the hungry.  
I choose to give my life for those who have been left out...  
This is the way I'm going.

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's blog,  
'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.

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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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