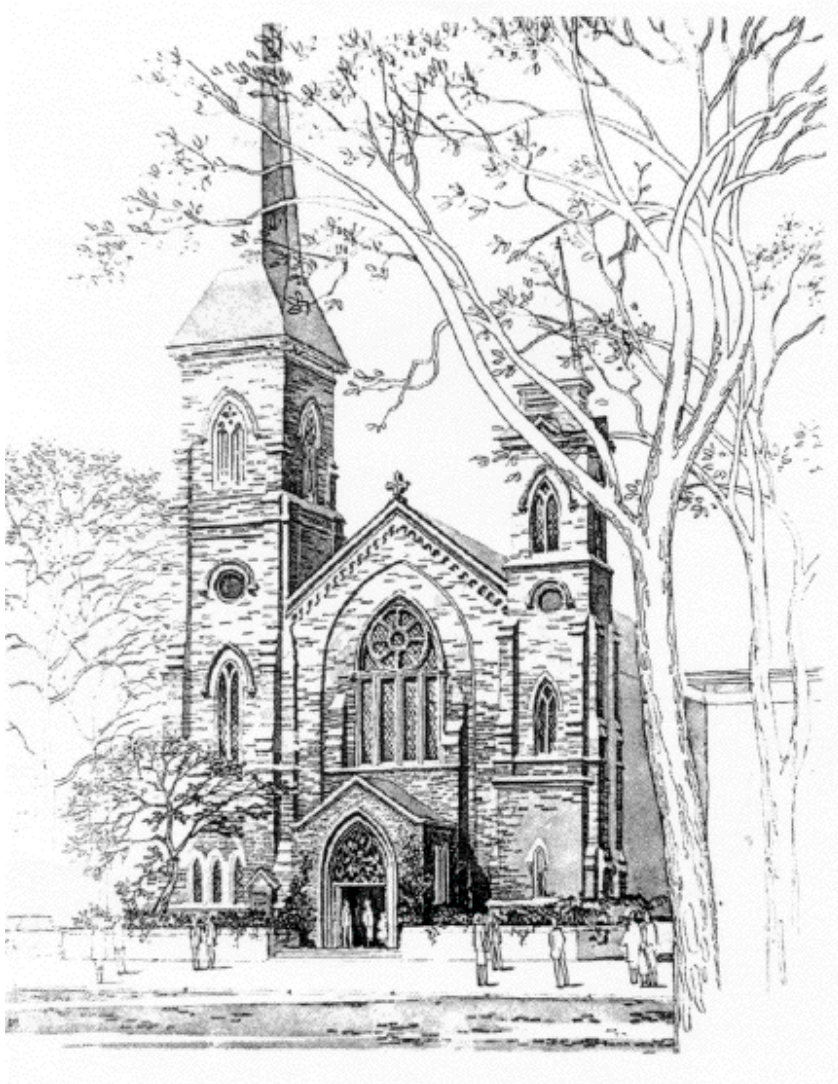


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 10:30 AM

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**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**

"The Call"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

From the small to the great,  
and from the great to the small,  
**sing to God with joy!**  
Sing to God a new song,  
**for God has done marvelous things!**

**\*HYMN**

Waiting Now with Expectation

HYFRYDOL

*Please see hymn insert*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and gracious God,  
you are all light and wonder and glory.  
You are our strength and our delight;  
you give us all we need to live.**

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**Yet we are constantly distracted by all that glitters,  
continually grasping for more.  
We often chase after happiness  
rather than trusting in your abundance.  
Forgive us and turn us back to you.  
Overwhelm us with your goodness  
and cover us with grace,  
for we know that you are the source of life,  
the fount of all that is good.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 98

<sup>1</sup> O sing a new song to God,  
who has done marvelous things,  
whose strong hand and holy arm  
have gotten victory.

<sup>2</sup> God has made known the victory  
and has revealed God's vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup> God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to God with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before God, the Most High.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of God who is coming  
to judge the earth,  
to judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**  
I Want to Be Ready

Beth Langley, *alto*  
African-American Spiritual  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Refrain:

*I want to be ready, I want to be ready,  
I want to be ready, my Lord, to walk in Jerusalem, just like John.*

*John said the city was just four-square,  
Walk in Jerusalem, just like John.  
And he declared he'd meet me there,  
Walk in Jerusalem, just like John. Refrain*

*When Peter was preachin' at Pentecost,  
Walk in Jerusalem, just like John.  
He was endowed with the Holy Ghost,  
Walk in Jerusalem, just like John. Refrain*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the realm of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Sarah McTyre

**SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

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# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## DEDICATION OF GIFTS

\***HYMN** 399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

## \***BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

“Hyfrydol”

arr. Sandra Murphy/June Nixon

*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 November 12, 2023**

### **Thursday, November 16**

7:00 pm Deacons meeting

### **Sunday, November 19**

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

### **Friendsgiving**

We will be hosting a Friendsgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day. All are welcome to attend! After eating as a community, we also deliver meals to people around the city. This year's meal will be held from 12pm until 2pm. We are still in need of volunteers to: provide 5 cases of bottled water, pick up a turkey from the church to roast at home and bring back, and deliver meals around the city. Contact the office if you would like to help!

### **Church Decorating**

On Saturday, December 2, all are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary and Gathering Hall for Advent and Christmas. We will work from around 10am until 12pm. There are jobs for everyone, so please come join in the fun!

### **Baby Shower**

On Sunday, December 3, all are welcome to attend a baby shower for Briana and Justin Vaught after worship! The couple has said the greatest gift is your presence and support, but if you would like to bring a gift for baby Vaught, you can find the link to their registry in the November 1 Park Post.

### **Sound Bath**

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held on December 11 at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event! More information can be found on the Arts at Park page on the church website.

### **Household Closet Christmas Party**

On Sunday, December 17, we will hold the Household Closet Christmas Party after worship. We will collect new and gently used items for the household closet leading up to that date. This is a great time to look around for sales on small appliances like toaster ovens, microwaves, and coffee makers! You can wrap the items yourself or let us wrap them for you. Please bring any unwrapped items by December 10. Let the office know if you'd like to help with the party snacks!

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught

May God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains,  
keep you fervent in faith, joyful in hope,  
brimming with justice, and overflowing with love.

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

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

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology  
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate  
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor  
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician  
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager  
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