

PARK CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 19, 2025 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**

“Andante Religioso”

Eduard Rohde, Jr.

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wherever God is, love is.

**Wherever God's love is, hope is.**

Hope is here

**because God is present.**

Hope and love are God's essential transformative forces.

**Let us worship with joy and intention**

that we might fulfill God's dream for us and for the world.

**\*HYMN 162** O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**we yearn to be a part of your beloved community.**

**Our hearts are inspired by your vision of love and compassion.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**As we try to live as your people,  
we confess that we are easily distracted and lose our way.  
We become captive to our own desires and interests.  
We rely on our own capacity rather than  
leaning into and practicing your ways.  
Forgive us when we end up in despair  
or become overwhelmed.  
Remind us that your love and hope are  
more powerful than all the forces that oppose them.  
Help us to trust you with our lives.  
Make us ready for the work of your power within us.  
Form us so that this community  
may do your work of love and justice  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **\*LIVE INTO HOPE**

*Live into hope of captives freed  
From chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
To faith and hope and joy and peace.*

TRURO

#### **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, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.**

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 8

- <sup>1</sup>O God, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup>what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?
- <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

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

English Folk Melody, adapted: Hal Hopson

### The Gift of Love

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
But have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon is strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this worship, and are freed.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Hope Is Here!*

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 CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Invitation*

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**We open our hearts to you, O God.**

Let us give thanks to God who shapes our world.

**For every creature and creation, we give you thanks, O God!**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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With gratitude, O God, we remember....  
... as we sing to the glory of your name:



Faithful God...  
.... Great is the mystery of faith:



By the power of the Holy Spirit...  
... welcomed at your table and may find rest for their souls.  
**Amen.**

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

*Prayer after Communion*

**Holy God, our hearts are filled with gratitude  
for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul.  
May it renew us and sustain us  
as we seek your ways.  
Until every life can be lived abundantly,  
be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 265** Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

WAREHAM

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Pipings”

James Southbridge

*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

Greeters .....Michael and Susan Barbour  
Fellowship Hour ..... the Allen family

Hope is here to empower us to live life more fully.

~ *Luther E. Smith, Jr.*

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship*.

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  
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