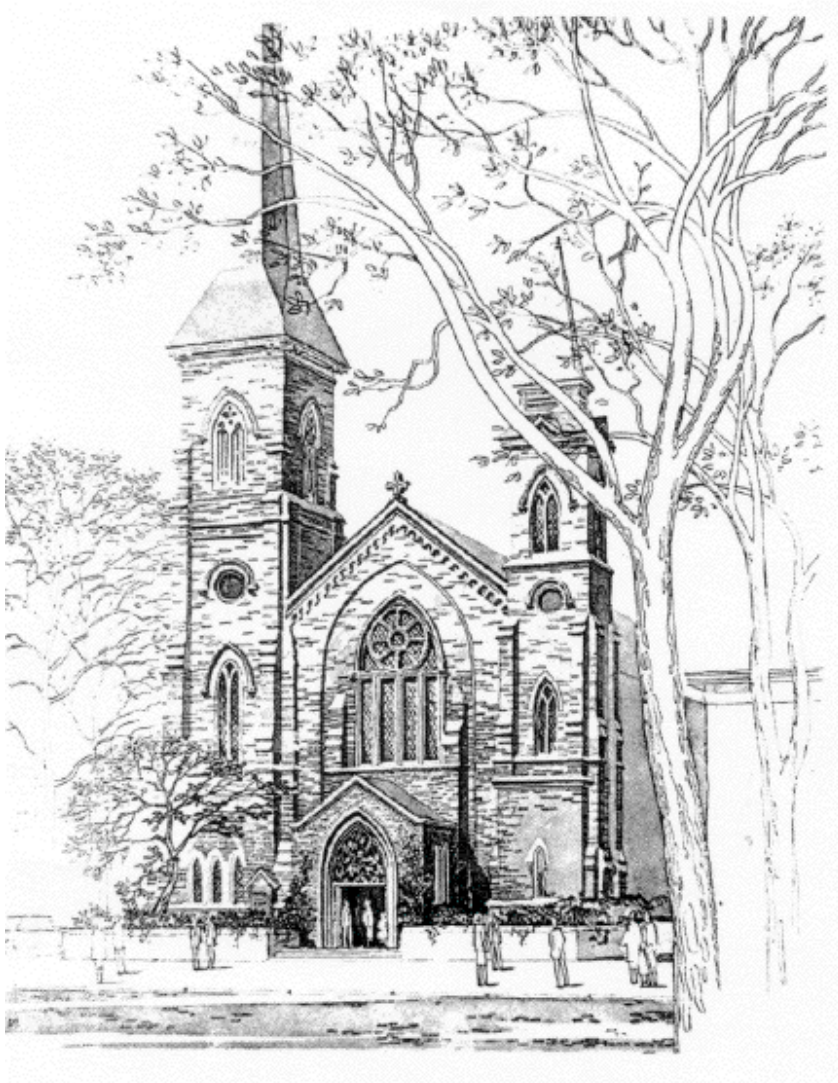


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 20, 2023 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

“Sonata No. 4 in G Major”
I. Largo

Georg Philip Telemann

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

My house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples,
says the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 473** For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all goodness,
we do not want to face all that is in our hearts.
We want to focus on the good –
the love, the compassion, and the care –
and ignore the ways we allow
greed, envy, even cruelty to consume us sometimes.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Forgive us for all the ways our hearts
turn from you and our neighbors.
Help us see that our preferred vision
of ourselves is incomplete and
renew in us the desire for our hearts
to be shaped by your ways. 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Most High:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come

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and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to God,
to minister to God, to love the name of the Most High,
and to be God's servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION
Our Great Savior

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
HYFRYDOL
arr. Brenda Portman

*Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

*Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.
Jesus! What a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even while my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

*Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.
Jesus! I do now receive him,
More than all in him I find,
He has granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 15:1-20

¹ Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat.” ³ He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵ But you say that whoever tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,’ then that person need not honor the father. ⁶ So, for the sake of your tradition, you nullify the word of God. ⁷ You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said:

⁸ ‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁹ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’”

¹⁰ Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that God has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds

from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

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

***HYMN 392** Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Gavotte from 'Ottone”

George Frideric Handel
arr. Dom Gregory Murray

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.*

*Please rise in body or spirit

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Announcements for August 20, 2023

Sunday, August 27

- 9:00 am Bible study (virtual)
- 10:30 am Worship service
- 11:30 am Fellowship

Matthew 25 Farm

We will be harvesting crops at the Matthew 25 Farm in Tully on Saturday, August 26 from 9 until around 11:30. All are welcome to join! You can meet us there, or you can carpool and caravan from the church. We will leave the parking lot at 8:30 sharp. Close toed shoes are required, and long pants are recommended. Wear something that can get dirty, and please bring gloves if you have them!

Backpack Packing

We will be packing backpacks for students going back to school after worship on Sunday, August 27. All are welcome, and a simple lunch will be provided.

Church Cookout

The church cookout will be Saturday, September 9 from 11-3. We will have food, ice cream, face painting, lawn games, and more! Please let the office know if you are willing and able to help with any of the following:

- Grilling and serving food
- Serving as a crossing guard
- Monitoring sidewalk chalk and other kids' activities
- Bringing supplies such as lawn games, coolers, and tents
- Set up and clean up

Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 10 after worship. All are welcome to attend, and all active members are strongly encouraged to come so we can meet quorum and conduct our business! We will be receiving annual reports and electing officers to boards and committees at this meeting.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
Fellowship HourBen Merchant

Merciful God,
by the power of your Spirit
give us your words of life
that our faith may increase
and our hearts be made whole.
Amen.

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
and *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*

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
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Interim Organist
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager

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