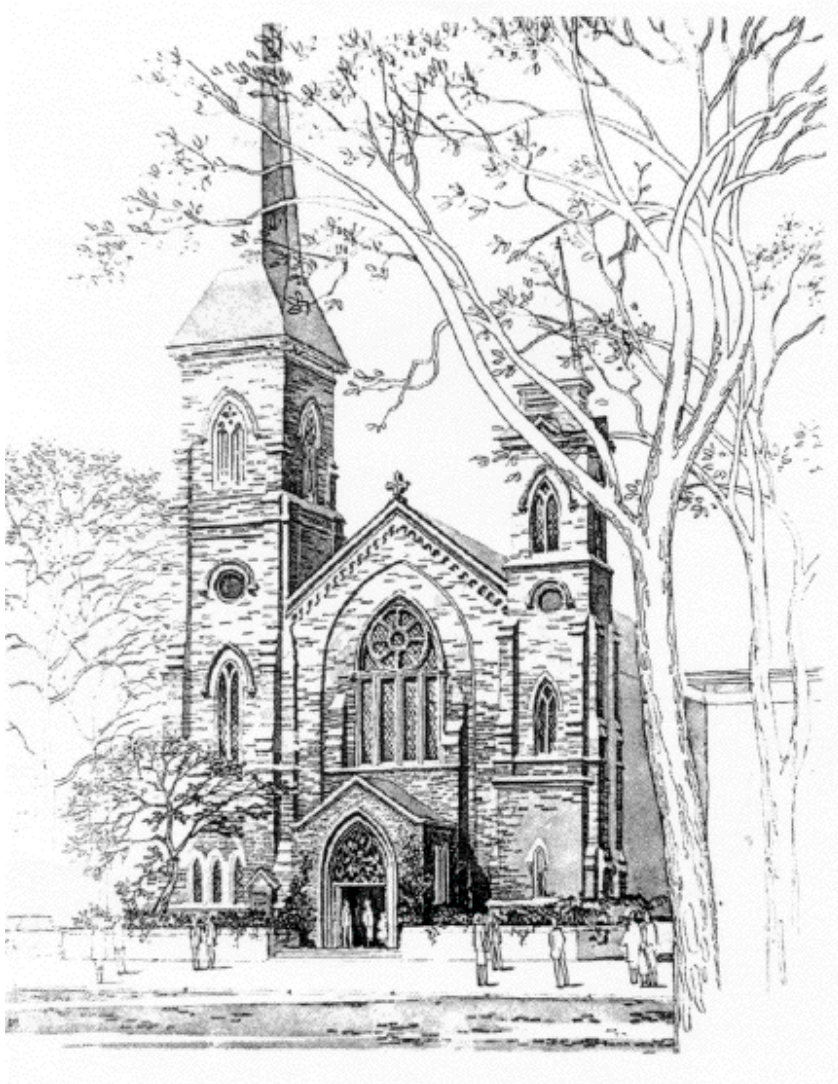


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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NOVEMBER 17, 2024 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**

"Au Matin"

Benjamin Godard

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God,  
encouraging one another in hope.

**Let us worship God,  
supporting one another in faith.**

Let our strength rise up in God.

**Let our hearts rejoice!**

For there is no rock like our God.

**\*HYMN 461** God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace,  
all around us there is turmoil  
and news of violence,  
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We confess that we are likely to grasp  
for whatever security we can find.  
God of mercy, forgive us  
when we are quick to forget  
that all of life is in your hands.  
Renew our hope, increase our courage,  
and keep us watchful for the signs  
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

I Samuel 2:1-10

- <sup>1</sup>Hannah prayed and said,  
“My heart exults in God;  
    my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies  
    because I rejoice in your victory.
- <sup>2</sup>There is no Holy One like God,  
    no one besides you;  
    there is no Rock like our God.
- <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly;  
    let not arrogance come from your mouth,  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
    and by God actions are weighed.
- <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
    but the feeble gird on strength.
- <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
    but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
    but she who has many children is forlorn.
- <sup>6</sup>God kills and brings to life;  
    God brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- <sup>7</sup>God makes poor and makes rich;  
    God brings low; God also exalts.
- <sup>8</sup>God raises up the poor from the dust;  
    God lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
    and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are God’s,  
    and on them God has set the world.
- <sup>9</sup>God will guard the feet of God’s faithful ones,  
    but the wicked will perish in darkness,  
    for not by might does one prevail.
- <sup>10</sup>The Lord! God’s adversaries will be shattered;  
    the Most High will thunder in heaven.

God will judge the ends of the earth;  
God will give strength to God's king  
and exalt the power of God's anointed."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Park Central Ensemble

This Is the Day

John Rutter

*This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made:  
We will rejoice and be glad in it, this is the day.  
O praise the Lord of heaven, praise him in the height.  
Praise him all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him all ye stars and light,  
Let them praise the name of the Lord.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee: To keep thee in all thy ways.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper: The Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
Yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:  
From this time forth forever more. He shall defend thee under his wings.  
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

<sup>1</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' <sup>7</sup>and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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

In the Bulb There is a Flower

PROMISE

*Please see hymn insert*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Autumn” from ‘The Four Seasons’ Op. 8, RV 293

Antonio Vivaldi  
arr. Alan Ridout

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

*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 Dining Hall following worship  
for a community meal.*

## **Announcements for November 17, 2024**

### **Harvesting Hope Community Lunch**

Join us after worship today for a luncheon to celebrate God's abundance and the goodness of being in community together. All are welcome! There is no cost.

### **Sound Bath**

The next sound bath will be Monday, November 18 at 7 pm. in the sanctuary. Come for an hour that will create space for your body to be at peace. More information is available on the Arts at Park page on the church website.

### **Friendsgiving**

Friendsgiving will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall for food prep on Wednesday, November 27 as well as food prep, decorating, serving, cleanup, and delivering meals on Thursday, November 28. Please sign up for as many slots as you are willing and able to help with! You are also invited to join us for the meal from 11-1!

Please let the office know if you would like to donate decorations, pies, water, or rolls for the dinner. We will also need volunteers to provide and/or roast turkeys.

### **Save the Dates**

The Household Closet Christmas Party will be after worship on Sunday, December 15. More information about what is needed and how to help with the party itself will be announced next month.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on December 24 at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists ..... Michael and Susan Barbour

Pray for those who mourn these days,  
and for those who exercise power.  
Sharpen the blades of your hope  
on the stone of grief.

~ Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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)

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