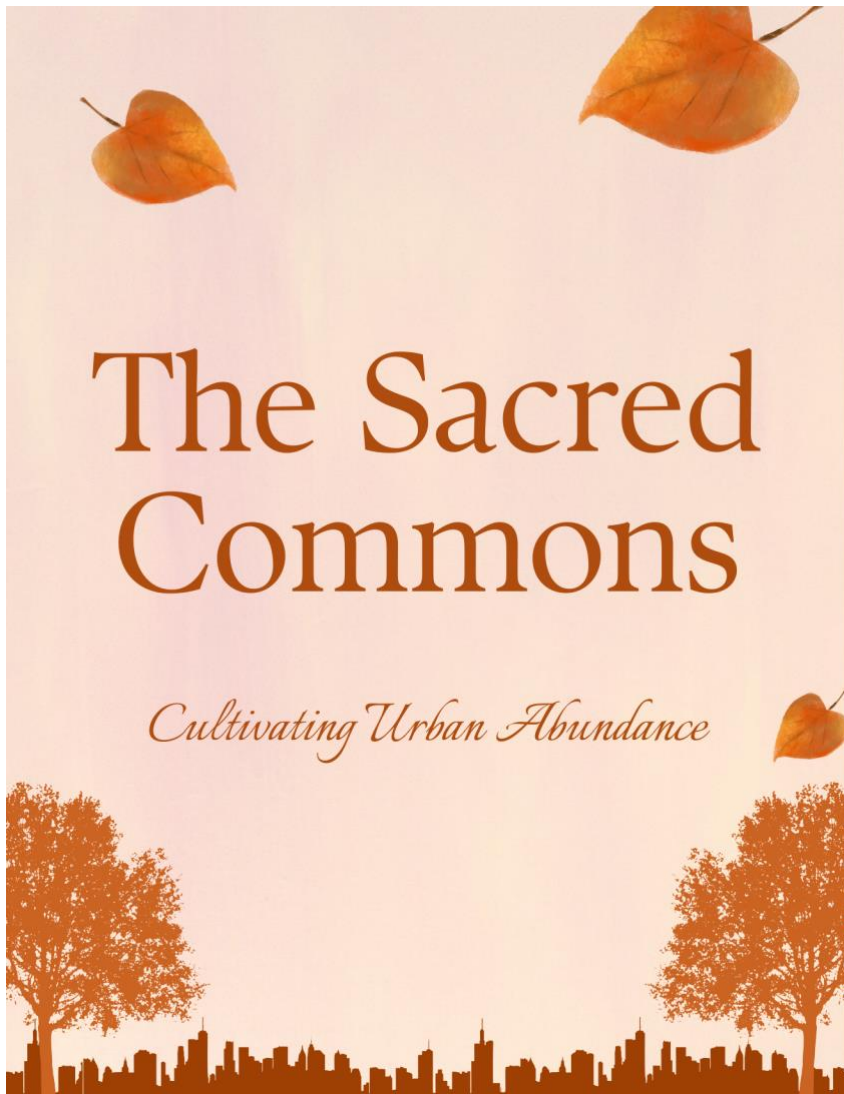


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OCTOBER 18, 2026 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

*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

Autumn Leaves

Music by Joseph Kosma
(Lyrics by J. Mercer, J. Prevert)

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of many paths, we arrive in this sacred space.

We gather to worship, to listen, and to grow together.

We are called to love our neighbors, near and far,
and to seek justice in our communities.

Let us open our hearts to the stories, songs, and spirit of one another.

Come, let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN 645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and truth,

you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.

We confess that we often hold back or

**Please rise in body or spirit*

try to live with competing loyalties.
We have promised you our obedience,
but we often fulfill other desires first.
We have promised you our devotion,
but we tend to give our hearts to other priorities.
We have promised to do your work of love in the world,
but we are frequently too anxious or scared
to commit ourselves with all that we have.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
May our hearts become more wholly yours
as we trust your way of grace, compassion, and love
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***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 96:1-13

- ¹ O sing to God a new song;
sing to God, all the earth.
- ² Sing to God, bless that holy name;
tell of God's salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Most High and greatly to be praised;
indeed, to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Most High made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before God;
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to God, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to God glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to God the glory due that holy name;
bring an offering, and come into God's courts.
- ⁹ Worship God in holy splendor;
tremble before God, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "God is sovereign!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
God will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;
- ¹² let the field exult and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ before God, who is coming to judge the earth,
and who will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with truth.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 637 O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left Jesus and went away.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Beth Langley, *contralto*

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA, arr. Richard Walters

*This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings,
And 'round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light,
The lily white, declare their maker's praise.*

This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

*This is my Father's world; oh, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong
Seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

This is my Father's world. Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad.

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 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Prelude on HYFRYDOL

arr. June Nixon

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



Announcements for October 18, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Monday, October 19

12:00 pm Scripture Round Table

Tuesday, October 20

2:30 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach
Committee meeting

Sunday, October 25

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Congregational meeting



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear warm comfy clothing and consider bringing a blanket.

All Saints' Day

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 1. There will be a special time in worship to remember and give thanks for those who have died, whether in the past year or any time before.

Death Over Dinner: Faith, Hope, and Honest Conversation

Join us on **Sunday, November 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm** for an evening of shared food and meaningful conversation about mortality and end-of-life planning. This gathering, led by Rev. Brigid Boyle, will offer supportive, faith-centered space to reflect practically and prayerfully on mortality, legacy, and our wishes for the future. Whether you are looking to navigate future choices for yourself or loved ones, or simply wish to engage in honest, hopeful dialogue about life's final chapter, all are welcome at the table. Sign up on the sheet in the gathering hall or by calling the church office.

Fellowship Hour

We have a new format for the coffee hour sign-up sheet! If you'd like to do a whole Sunday coffee hour, you are still more than welcome to. If you'd like to just bring one or two things, the new sheet will make sure there's no overlap with anyone else volunteering. We hope this will make it easier for folks to be part of this ministry!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship Hour Grayson and Ronnie Jones

We worship a God who exists beyond the bounds of language. We are part of a creation that is vibrant in its diversity. We hope that the language used in today's worship reflects those inclusive and expansive ideals. Some traditional prayers and hymns may contain gendered terms for God; please feel free to substitute more expansive terms.

As a member of the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 movement, Park Central works toward building congregational vitality and dismantling structural racism. 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.

Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
Justin Vaught..... Finance Administrator/Bookkeeper

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