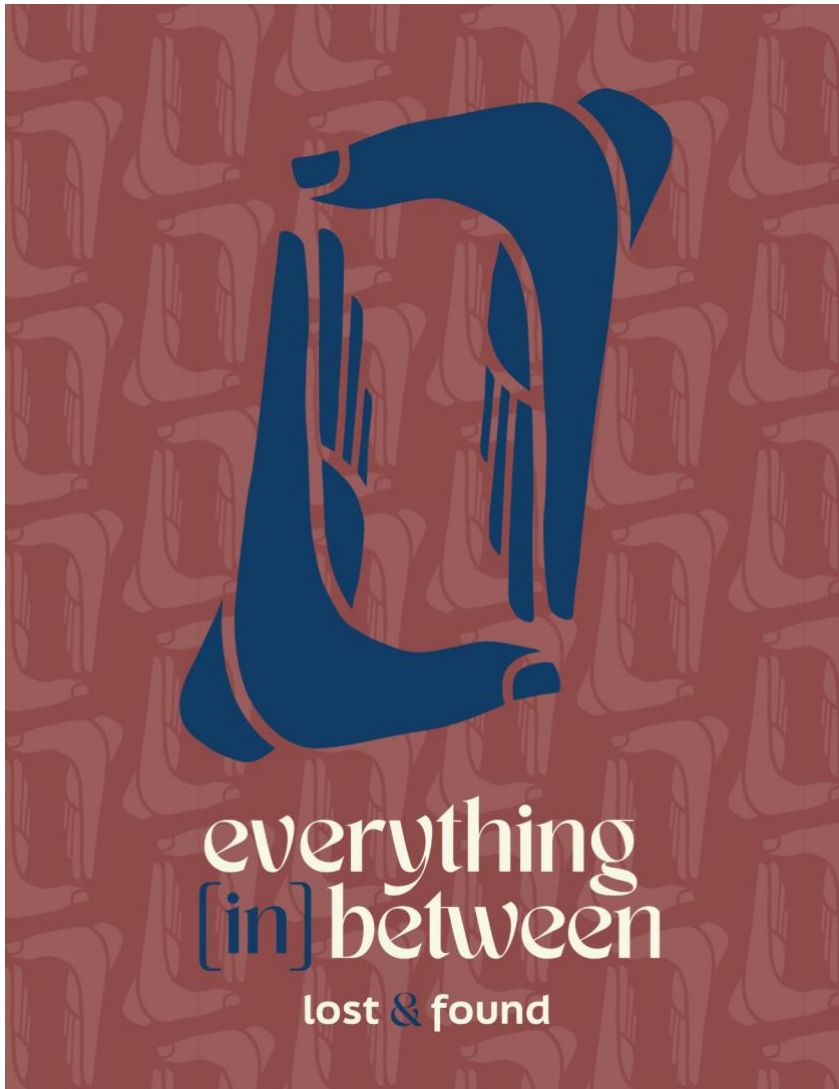


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday in Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 2025 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

“Communion” (from the St. Cecilia Mass)

Charles Gounod

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to this place as one community.

We come to seek the One who seeks us.

God is our shepherd.

God finds the lost and safeguards the found.

We are God's delight,

and to praise God is our joy.

Let us be open to the love that will not let us go.

Let us worship God together.

***HYMN 170** The Lord's My Sheperd, I'll Not Want

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CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good Shepherd, we confess that at times
we feel too lost to ever be found.**

We lose our way.

We run from your love.

We forget whose we are.

**Good Shepherd, we confess that at times
we feel too found to ever be lost.**

We ignore our sin.

We look down on others.

We think we know best.

Forgive us, we pray.

Return us once more to your fold.

Replace our arrogance with humility.

Remind us how to follow you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words:

You are holy, Lord!

ARGENTINE SANTO

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 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION
10,000 Reasons

Michael Spencer, *tenor*
Matt Redman

Chorus:
*Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes (Chorus)*

*You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find (Chorus)*

*Bless You Lord
And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Forevermore (Chorus)*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1-7

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until it is found? ⁵ And having found it, the shepherd lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And returning home, the shepherd calls together friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lost & Found

Briana Vaught, ministry intern

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 85** What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“The Lord's My Shepherd” BROTHER JAMES' AIR arr. Anthony Giamanco
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 Gathering Hall following worship
for lunch and a service project.*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Announcements for March 30, 2025

Scan here to donate!

Monday, March 31

5:30 pm Trustees meeting

Sunday, April 6

9:30 am Spiritual practice

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Lent Offerings

On the Sundays in Lent, we are hosting a series on spiritual practices. These are half-hour sessions beginning at 9:30 am. We hope this will enrich your Lenten season!

We will host a service of shadows, called Tenebrae, on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm. We will read scripture and follow Jesus from his betrayal to his burial.

Hands Off! Demonstration

There will be a nationwide demonstration on Saturday, April 5. People will gather in Washington, DC and in their own communities to show support for the most vulnerable among us and to demand the end of chaotic and harmful actions by the current administration.

We are organizing a Park Central group to participate in our local, peaceful demonstration at Forman Park. We will gather at the church at noon to pray and make signs and will walk together to Forman Park (about 3 blocks from the church). The demonstration is scheduled to run from 1:00 to 2:30 in the park.

You can use the following link to sign up so that organizers will know how many people to expect: <https://mobilize.us/s/aE2eKf>

Mission Report

Marissa Saunders will be sharing about her mission trip to Uganda during fellowship hour on Sunday, April 6.

Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm. The sound bath is a time to allow your body and your mind to rest and recenter. All are welcome!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
GreetersSusan and Michael Barbour

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.

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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