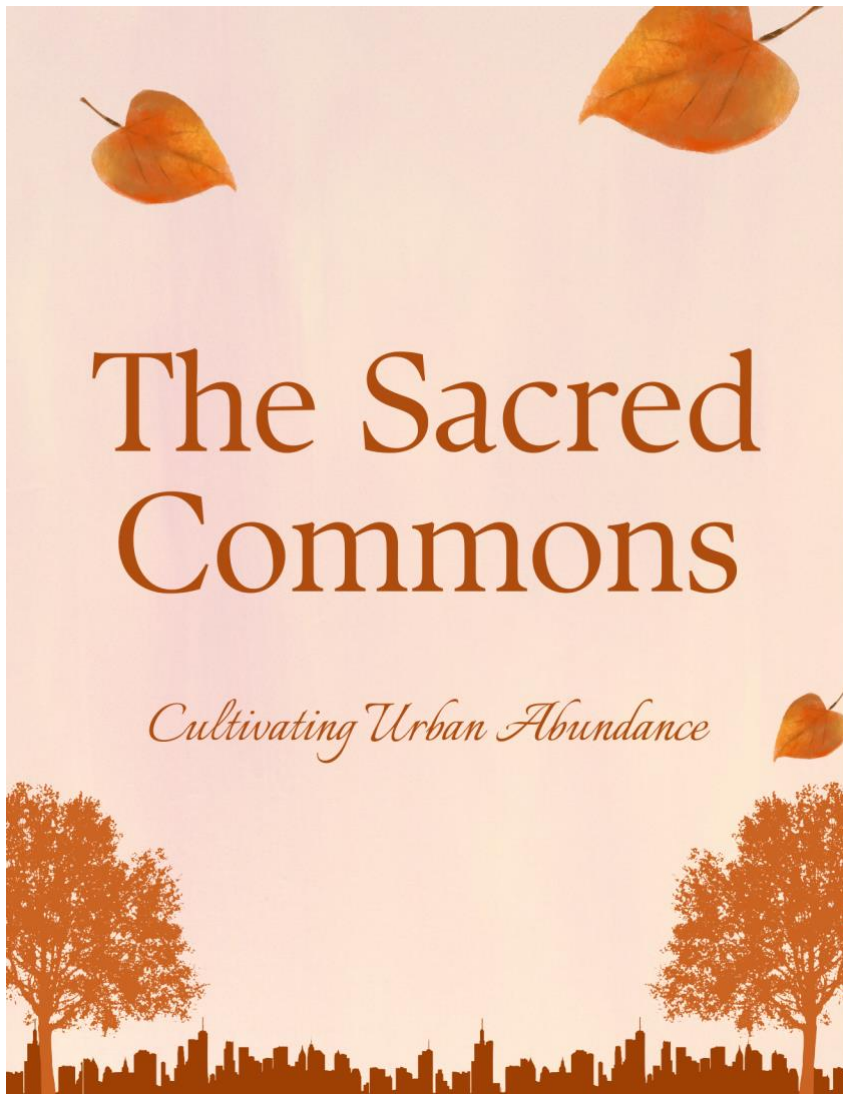


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OCTOBER 11, 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

Scottish Melody (Op. 11, No. 9)

F. M. Veracini

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 327** From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,

At times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will

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center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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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 25:1-9

¹ O God, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,

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the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Most High will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ and will swallow up death forever.

Then God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and will take away the disgrace of God's people from all the earth,
for God has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for God, so that God might save us.
This is the Most High for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 436** God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us O QUANTA QUALIA

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my sisters and brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in Christ in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in Christ. ³ Yes, and I ask
you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in

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the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Christ is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Briana Vaught

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Amy Allen and Ben Merchant

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Laudamus Te (from *Gloria*)

Megan Hook, *soprano*; Beth Langley, *contralto*
Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

We praise thee Lord, we give blessing to thee, we adore the Lord, we glorify thy name.

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

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***HYMN 539** We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sing Joyfully to God

Robert J. Powell

*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 11, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Monday, October 12

Church office closed (no Scripture Round Table)

Tuesday, October 13

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

7:00 pm Sound bath

Sunday, October 18

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, October 13 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.....Najwa Webster

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.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's blog,
"Hold Fast to What Is Good"

Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
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Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
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