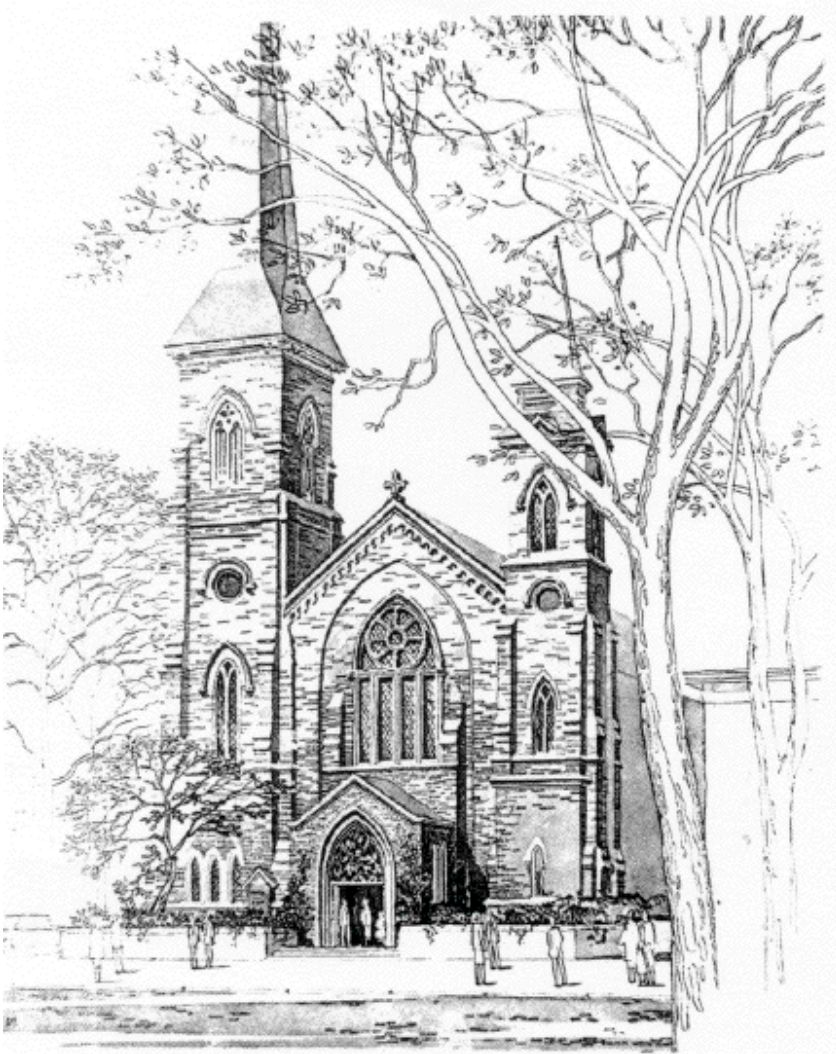


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 13, 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

“Fountain Springs”

Enrique Granados
arr. Colin Hand

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

**Where God dwells,
steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**God gives what is good,
and we respond with abundant praise!**

***HYMN 210** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 5

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CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord.

**It is much harder to believe with a whole heart
and to live in a way that puts you first.**

**We often depend on what we can see, touch, and control
instead of waiting to hear your voice and your call.**

**Forgive us and help our unbelief,
so that we may truly believe and
follow each day in the way of Jesus. 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, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ Let me hear what God the Most High will speak,
for God will speak peace to God's people,
to those who are faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.
⁹ Surely salvation is at hand for those who revere God,
that the glory of God may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
¹² God will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness will go before God
and will make a path for God's steps.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker

*I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'til rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after dismissing the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward the disciples on the sea. ²⁶ But when they saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER KWASI AGBESI SAPEY

Question to New Member

Do you promise to be a faithful member of Park Central Presbyterian Church by sharing in the worship and service of this congregation, by nurturing your faith in prayer and study, and by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ wherever you may go?

Congregational Covenant

We pledge to give you our support and care as you enter the membership of this church. We will pray with you and for you. We will worship with you and serve with you. We will share your burdens and joys, so that together we may all grow in faith and love as followers of Jesus Christ.

Welcome

THE BAPTISMS OF KWAMI GIDEON SAPEY AND JENNOT VALENTIN SAPEY

See insert

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

Megan Hook, *soprano* and Beth Langley, *alto*

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God...

... all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ my heart, my heart a - dores you. _____ My

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heart is glad to say the _____ words: You are ho - ly God.

We give you thanks and praise, O God...

...we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ _____ has died _____ Christ _____ is ri - sen _____

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Christ will come _____ a - gain.

Pour out your Spirit ...
...both now and forever more.
Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, O God, for making us one –
one in the body, the Spirit, the Lord,
one in the faith and baptism we share.
Send us out as one people in your service;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN 498** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Festival Finale”

Malcolm Archer

*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 a special time of celebratory fellowship.*

Announcements for August 13, 2023

Monday, August 14

6:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, August 17

10:00 am Trustees meeting

4:00 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach Committee meeting

Sunday, August 20

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. We anticipate a fun and fulfilling morning!

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Marissa Saunders

With you, O God, to guide me, I journey on my way.
I know you are beside me all through the night and day.
Within your hand you hold me; what do I have to fear?
Your loving arms enfold me, your grace is always near.

- Based on a prayer of Columba (c. 521-597)

Today's liturgy is adapted from our *Book of Common Worship*
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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