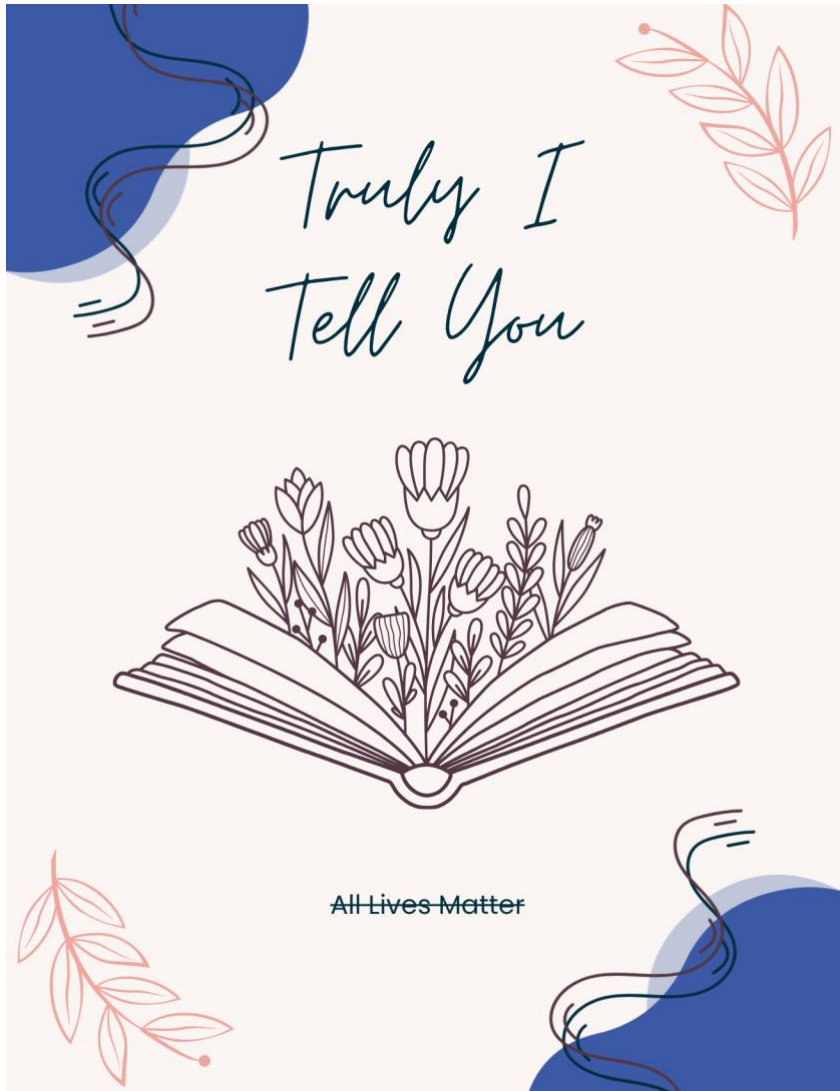


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 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

Poetic Tone-Pictures, Op. 3, No. 4

Edvard Grieg

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The world cries out: "All lives matter."

But we sit uneasy knowing how people of color are treated.

The world says: "No group is more important than another."

But we come knowing that God lifts up those who are bowed down.

For God says: "I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth."

Our God sets free those who are oppressed.

Let us worship the God of unrelenting justice!

***HYMN 620** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
you often call us to recognize something
in ourselves or in the world
that we don't want to see.
Forgive us when we are too defended
or too stubborn to open our eyes and hearts.
Forgive us when we fail to see our neighbors' distress
because we are so caught up in our own point of view.
Call us with persistence
that we may follow your way
of justice and love
and our life together may be a sign
of how you intend the world to be. 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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise God, O my soul!

² I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in royalty,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Most High their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry;
who sets the prisoners free.

⁸ God opens the eyes of the blind,
lifts up those who are bowed down,
and loves the righteous.

⁹ God watches over the stranger
and upholds the orphan and the widow,
but brings the way of the wicked to ruin.

¹⁰ God will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of God is upon me,
who has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor,
who has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of God’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Praise the Lord, My Soul!
Praise the Lord, my soul!

Michael Spencer, *baritone*
Francesca LaRosa

*The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed,
Gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.
The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down.
The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.*

*The fatherless and the widow the Lord sustains, but the way of the wicked He thwarts.
The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia!*

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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

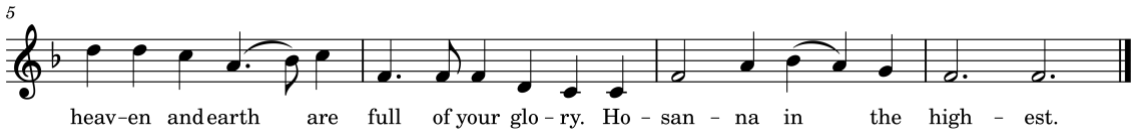
We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to God who shapes our world.

For every creature and creation, we give you thanks, O God!

With gratitude, O God, we remember...

... as we sing to the glory of your name:



Faithful God...
... Great is the mystery of faith:



By the power of the Holy Spirit...
... welcomed at your table and may find rest for their souls.
Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Holy God, our hearts are filled with gratitude
for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul.
May it renew us and sustain us
as we seek your ways.
Until every life can be lived abundantly,
be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.**

***HYMN 772** Live into Hope

TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C

Carlos Seixas

*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 August 9, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Monday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 16

10:30 am Worship service
11:30 am Fellowship hour and backpack packing



Backpack Packing

We will be packing backpacks for our community partners following worship on Sunday, August 16. We hope you'll join us!

New Donation Page

We have a new page for online giving! The QR code above and the link on the website have been updated. The only difference is the appearance of the page. Please contact Finance Administrator Justin Vaught (finance@parkcentralchurch.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Community Cookout

Our annual cookout will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 11-2. Please let the office know if you have a cooler or tent we can borrow. We also need volunteers for setup and cleanup as well as hospitality during the event.

The Sacred Commons: Cultivating Urban Abundance

The fall brings many special Sundays as well as our stewardship season. This year, we are tying all of these together in the central theme of the Sacred Commons, a place where we come together to nurture our church community and our larger community. See the bulletin insert for specific dates.

Sacred Commons Scripture Round Table

Starting on September 14, we will have a weekly scripture round table on Mondays at 12:00. This will be a casual time where we can look at the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and explore them as a community. Bring your lunch, bring your questions, but most importantly, bring yourself!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

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.

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Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Music Director
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
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