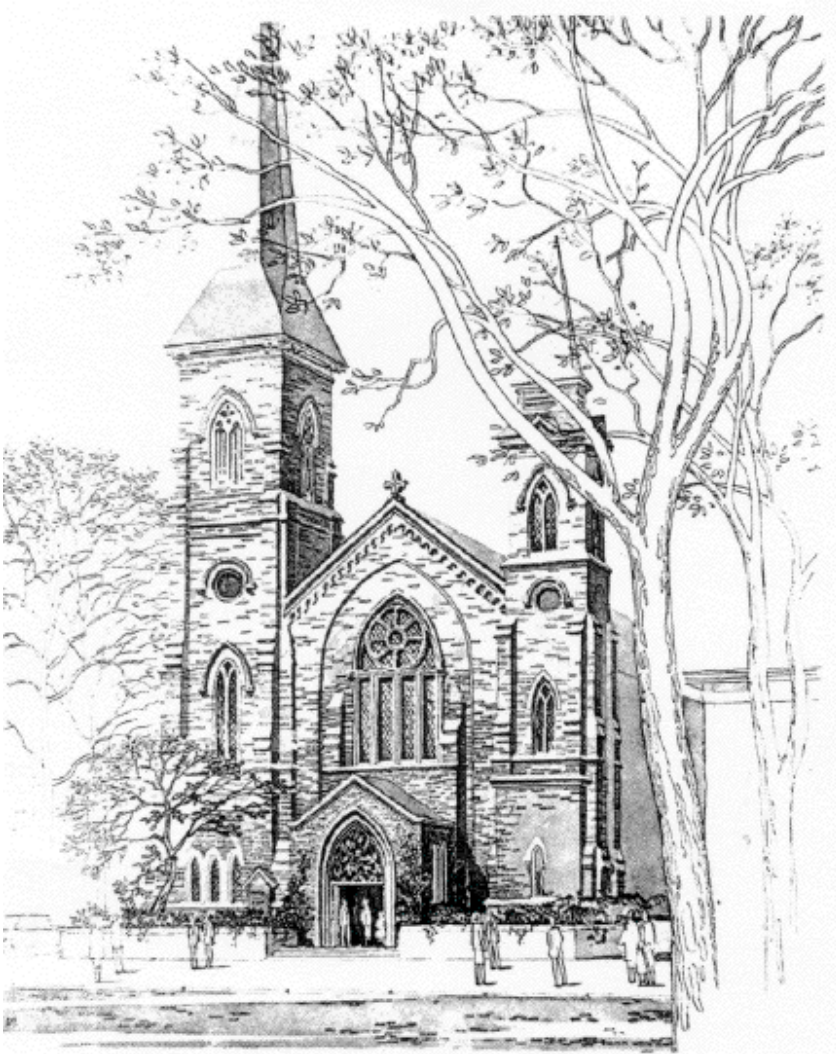


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
JANUARY 28, 2024 10:30 AM

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**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**

"Prelude No. 4 in F major"

Robert Vandall

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.

**Great are the works of God.**

Full of honor and majesty is God's work,

**and God's righteousness endures forever.**

Let us worship God with songs of praise.

**\*HYMN**

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

*Please see hymn insert*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**you came to live among us in Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us when we assume you are far from us**

**and that the salvation you offer is only for the future.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Break our hearts open now  
with lament that so many among us  
feel forsaken.  
Break our hearts open now  
with grief for all the wounds not healed,  
the actions not taken,  
and the calls not answered.  
Help us to respond to your voice today.  
Transform our living once again  
that we may be part of your healing work  
in the world. 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 and the power and the glory,**

**forever. Amen.**

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup> Praise God!

I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of God,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
and God's righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> God has gained renown by God's wonderful deeds;  
the Most High is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup> God provides food for those who revere God;  
God is ever mindful of God's covenant.

<sup>6</sup> God has shown the people the power of God's works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of God's hands are faithful and just;  
all God's precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup> God sent redemption to God's people;  
God has commanded God's covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is God's name.

<sup>10</sup> Reverence for the Most High is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

Megan Hook, *soprano*

This Day That Is Given

Megan Hook

*This day that is given,  
This day that is given, rejoice  
This day that is given, rejoice*

*In sun or in snow,  
Let everything fall, let everything go  
Let everything fall, let everything go*

*This day that is given,  
This day that is given, rejoice*

*May all beings be blessed,  
may all beings be blessed,  
may all beings be blessed on this day*

*This day that is given  
This year that is given  
This breath that is given, rejoice*

*May all beings be blessed,  
May all beings be blessed,  
May all beings be blessed, on this day*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> At once Jesus’ fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 358 Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Glory Be to God on High”

arr. David Paxton

Based on: GWALCHMAI (traditional Welsh melody)

*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 snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

## **Announcements for January 28, 2023**

### **Monday, January 29**

7:00 pm Arts at Park – Sound Bath

### **Sunday, February 4**

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

12:00 pm Session meeting

### **Sound Bath**

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held tomorrow, January 29, at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event! More information can be found on the Arts at Park page on the church website.

### **Pilgrimage Presentation**

On Sunday, February 11, Baird and Muffy Hansen will share with us about the pilgrimage they went on last year. We look forward to this spirit-filled presentation during fellowship hour!

### **Ash Wednesday**

Lent – the liturgical season of preparation before Easter – begins soon. We will begin the season of Lent by coming together for worship on the evening of Ash Wednesday (February 14) in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. This contemplative service of scripture, music, and prayer will include the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead.

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

We will be holding Wednesday evening gatherings during Lent from February 21 until March 20. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 pm each Wednesday in a hybrid format. We will share a simple meal each week, and each session will stand alone. Please come on any week you can!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant

We've got to find ways to get closer to the poor, the neglected,  
the abused, the excluded, the marginalized,  
because it's in proximity to these communities  
that we hear things that we will not otherwise hear;  
we will see things that we will not otherwise see.

~ *Bryan Stevenson, Equal Justice Initiation*

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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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