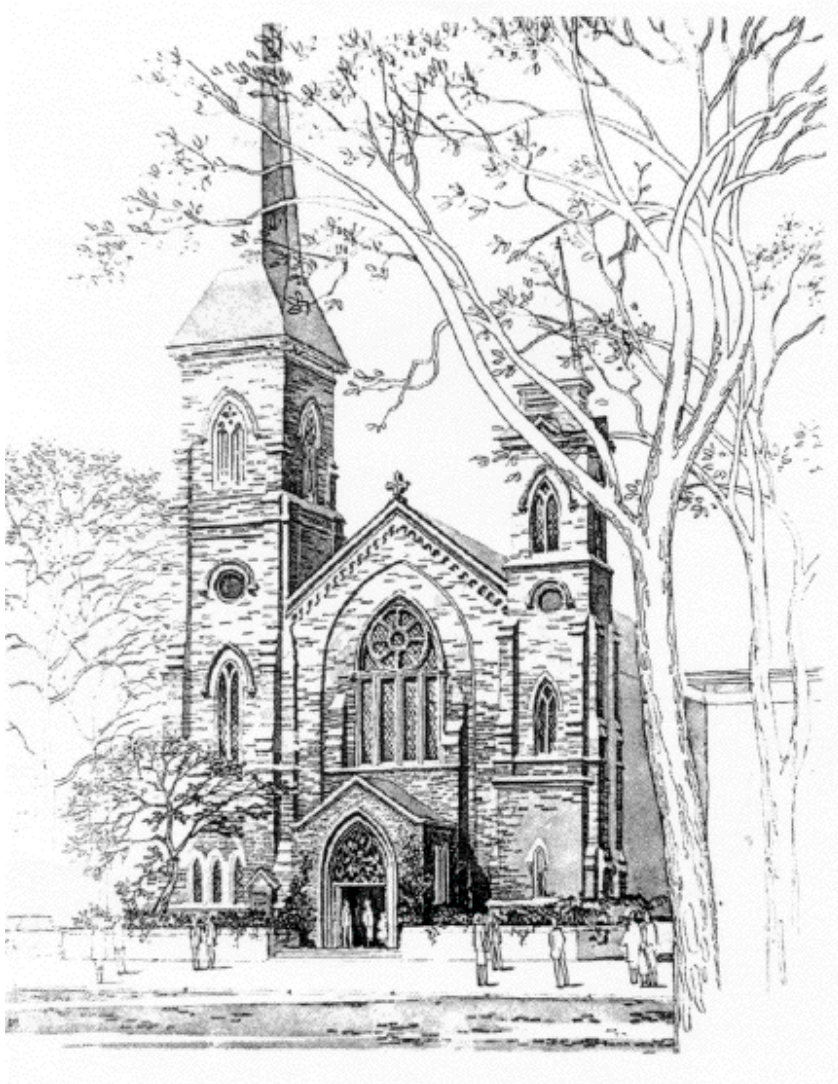


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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NOVEMBER 19, 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

“Sursum Corda” (Lift Up Your Hearts), Op. 11

Edward Elgar
arr. F. Louis Schneider

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O come, let us sing to God;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

***HYMN 402** Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

DICKINSON COLLEGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies,
we admit that sometimes we don't know
what to do with ourselves.
You have given us great gifts,
but we find it hard to trust your love

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**and your provision.
We get anxious and fearful about our lives
and experience your call as a duty or a burden
rather than a joyful opportunity.
Forgive us, we pray.
Turn our hearts to you in repentance
and gratitude
so that we may take hold of the abundant life
you offer us through Jesus Christ. 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 95:1-7a

- ¹ O come, let us sing to God;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
- ³ For God is a great God
and a great Ruler above all gods.
- ⁴ In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God's also.
- ⁵ The sea belongs to God, for God made it,
and God's hands have formed the dry land.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before God, our Maker!
- ⁷ For this is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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

All Good Gifts

John-Michael Tebelak and Stephen Schwartz

from the musical "Godspell"

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...
We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts*

*But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..
I really wanna thank you Lord!*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

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 333 Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Christopher Tambling

*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 November 19, 2023

Thursday, November 23

12:00 pm Friendsgiving

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Friendsgiving

We will be hosting a Friendsgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day. All are welcome to attend! After eating as a community, we also deliver meals to people around the city. This year's meal will be held from 12pm until 2pm. We are still in need of volunteers to: provide 5 cases of bottled water, pick up a turkey from the church to roast at home and bring back, and deliver meals around the city. Contact the office if you would like to help!

Church Decorating

On Saturday, December 2, all are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary and Gathering Hall for Advent and Christmas. We will work from around 10am until 12pm. There are jobs for everyone, so please come join in the fun!

Baby Shower

On Sunday, December 3, all are welcome to attend a baby shower for Briana and Justin Vaught after worship! The couple has said the greatest gift is your presence and support, but if you would like to bring a gift for baby Vaught, you can find the link to their registry in the November 1 Park Post.

Sound Bath

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held on December 11 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.

Household Closet Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 17, we will hold the Household Closet Christmas Party after worship. We will collect new and gently used items for the household closet leading up to that date. This is a great time to look around for sales on small appliances like toaster ovens, microwaves, and coffee makers! You can wrap the items yourself or let us wrap them for you. Please bring any unwrapped items by December 10. Let the office know if you'd like to help with the party snacks!

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

Joy is gratefulness unbound.

~ Joe Primo

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.....Keyboard Musician
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager

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