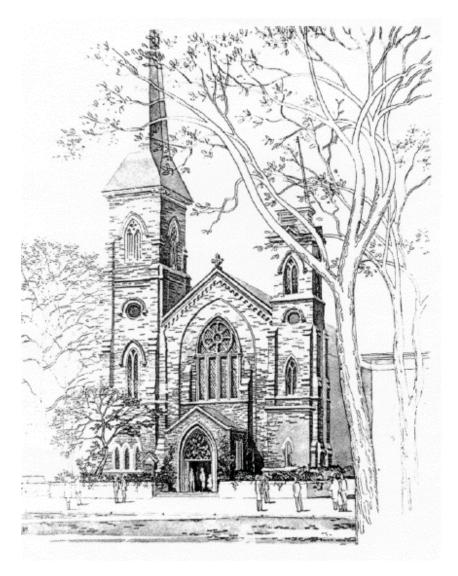
# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Thanksgiving Sunday

#### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025 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**

"Now Thank We All Our God" (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT) arr. Anthony Giamanco Sandra Murphy, *organ* 

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*HYMN 36 For the Fruit of All Creation

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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

#### 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

"When you have come into the land that the Most High your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Most High

your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Most High your God will choose as a dwelling for God's name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Most High your God that I have come into the land that the Most High swore to our ancestors to give us.' 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Most High your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Most High your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Most High, the God of our ancestors; the Most High heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Most High brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and God brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O God, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Most High your God and bow down before the Most High your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Most High your God has given to you and to your house."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN 643 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Phillipians 4:4-9

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

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Brigid Boyle

#### SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

# MUSICAL MEDITATION My Jesus I Love Thee

Beth Langley, *alto* arr. Dan Forrest

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious redeemer, my savior art thou, If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright, I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

### 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 37 Let All Things Now Living

**ASH GROVE** 

\*BENEDICTION

#### **POSTLUDE**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

trad. Welsh hymn (ST. DENIO), arr. David Ritter

Dan Blumenthal, violin and Sandra Murphy, piano

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.

#### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Liturgists	Susan	and	Michael	Barbour
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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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