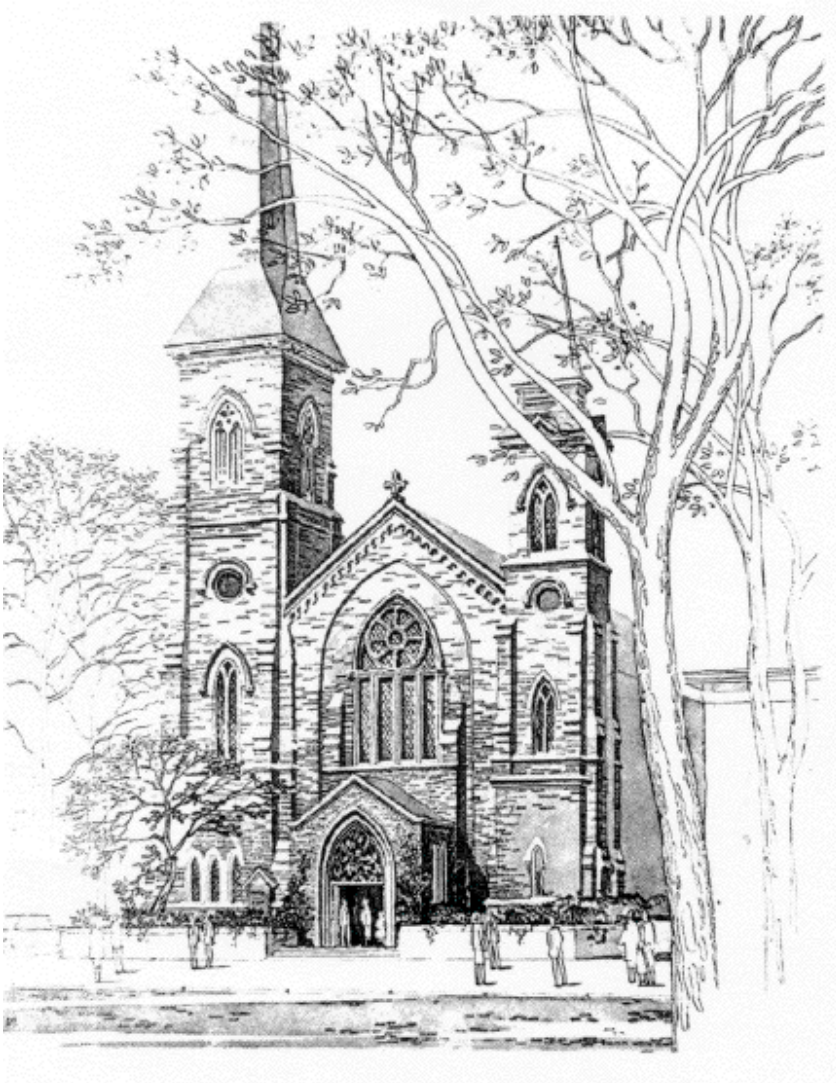


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



First Sunday in Lent

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FEBRUARY 18, 2024 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

Prelude No. 7 in b minor "Chaconne"

Robert Vandall

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

O God, in you we trust.

Make us to know your ways.

Teach us to follow the path of Jesus in this season.

For you are the God of our salvation.

What can we do but sing your praise.

***HYMN**

O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench

LEWIS-TOWN

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
our sacred stories teach us
that you meet us where we are
and work wonders in our lives.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**We confess that we are still surprised to find you in our midst.
We are still surprised that you call us to
follow the way of Jesus.
Forgive us when we believe that the call
must be for someone else.
In this holy season,
turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you
and set our feet on your paths of
steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

NETTLETON

*Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.*

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 25:1-10

¹ To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O God;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O God!

⁸ Good and upright is the Most High;
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ God leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble God's way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the Most High are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*

Amazing Grace

arr. Pentatonix

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.*

*The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. Chorus*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine. Chorus*

*Chorus:
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace*

*I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishers had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Teacher, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Teacher, for I am a sinful person!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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

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.

Holy One, we praise you for your mercy ...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Remembering Jesus' offering for us...
... we proclaim again the mystery of our faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit...
... when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Amen.

Gracious God...
...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Lord God, we give thanks for your mercy –
welcoming us home from wandering,
clothing us with your loving-kindness,
and feeding us from your abundant table.
Prepare a place for us in your holy realm,
where the lost are found, heaven and earth embrace,
and the dead are raised to new life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***HYMN 504** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Dialogue” (from Magnificat, Suite No. 5 in A minor)

Jean-François Dandrieu

**Please rise in body or spirit*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught
Fellowship Hour David Aronson and Sara Hahne

The forty days of Lent can create space anew
for the light, and life, and love of Jesus
to teem in us and through us to our desperately broken world.

~ Br. Curtis Almquist

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

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