

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



First Sunday of Christmas

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28, 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

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro Yon, arr. Heather Sorenson

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have found joy this Christmas.

We have found joy in our community.

We have found joy in the coming of Christ.

God is in our joy.

God is here with us.

We have reason to celebrate.

We have a reason to sing.

Thanks be to God for the bright hope of this day.

***HYMN 133** O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 132** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the God of hosts will do this.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 121** O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

***HYMN 123** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

A STORY OF THE SEASON

***HYMN 145** What Child Is This **GREENSLEEVES**

***HYMN 147 The First Nowell** **THE FIRST NOWELL**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN 113** Angels We Have Heard on High **GLORIA**

***HYMN 134 Joy to the World! ANTIOCH**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Noël”

Louis-Claude Daquin

Sandra Murphy, *organ*

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.*

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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For Joy A Blessing

You can prepare,
but still
it will come to you
by surprise,

crossing through your doorway,
calling your name in greeting,
turning like a child
who quickens suddenly
within you.

It will astonish you
how wide your heart
will open
in welcome

for the joy
that finds you
so ready
and still so
unprepared.

—Jan Richardson
from *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons*

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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