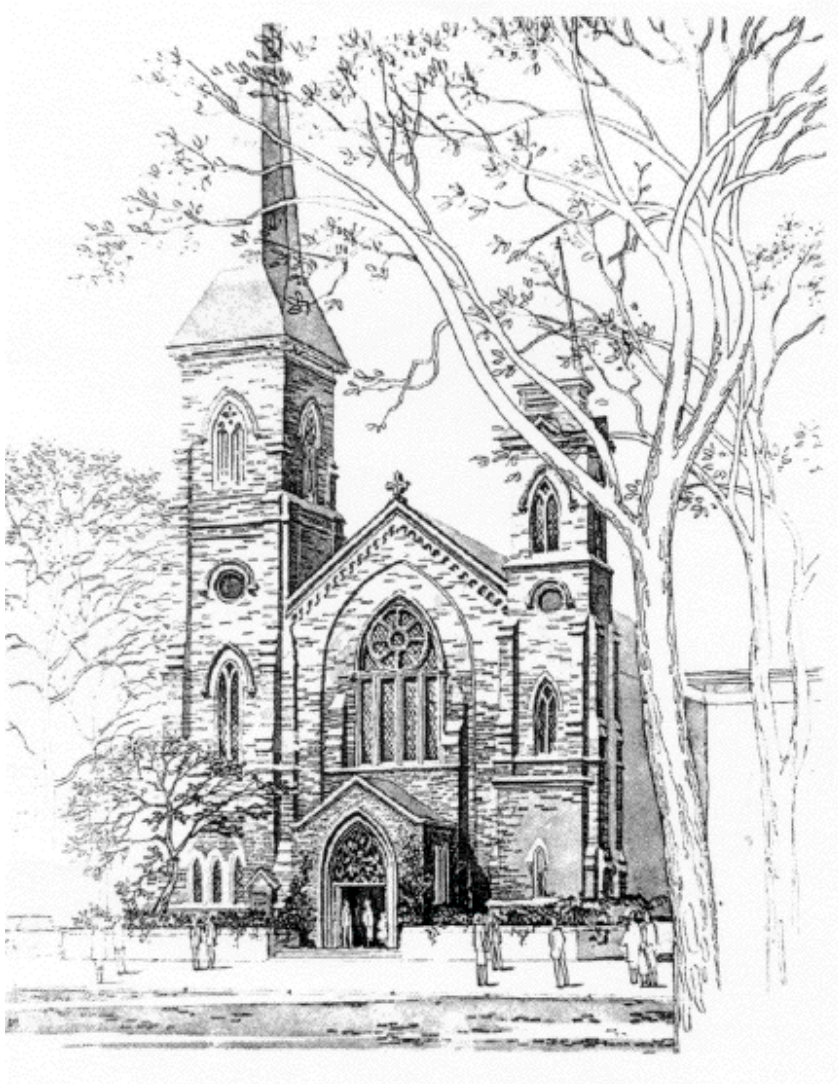


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 27, 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" Op. 23, No. 4

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

Sergei Rachmaninov

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I will bless God at all times,

God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in God.

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify God with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

***HYMN 335** Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Turn to me, O God, and have mercy on me
because I'm alone and suffering.

My heart's troubles keep getting bigger—
set me free from my distress!

God of grace, remember your compassion and faithful love,
but don't remember my wrongdoing.

Remember me only according to your faithful love
and forgive me.

Make your ways known to me, O God.

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—
because you are the God who saves me.

I put my hope in you all day long. Amen. *(based on Psalm 25)*

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 34:1-8, 19-22

- ¹ I will bless God at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in God;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify God with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.
- ⁴ I sought God, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Look to God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by God,
and was saved from every trouble.
- ⁷ The angel of God encamps
around those who revere God, and delivers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that God is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.
- ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but God rescues them from them all.
- ²⁰ God keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.
- ²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- ²² God redeems the life of God's servants;
none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Beth Langley, *alto* and Bob Allen, *tenor*

For the Beauty of the Earth/Simple Gifts Medley

arr. Rebecca Belliston

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love, which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Oh, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
It will be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we will not be ashamed,
To turn, turn, will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come 'round right.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Oh, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As Jesus and the disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, Jesus is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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 343** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Andante in B-flat" from Organ Sonata, Op. 65, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 October 27, 2024

Sunday, November 3

- 9:00 am Bible study (virtual)
- 10:30 am Worship service
- 11:30 am Fellowship hour
- 12:00 pm Mission Study Gathering

Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Monday, November 18 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Election Conversations

Our second and final election conversation will be at the end of coffee hour today. To guide our conversation, we will be using a short statement called Christian Faith and Democracy that was written and signed by a diverse group of scholars and religious leaders. The writers affirm our right and our call "to bring our faith to bear on the public square for the common good and the flourishing of all humanity." We hope these conversations will enable our congregation to do that with bravery and humility.

An Invitation from the Mission Study Task Force

Please join us after worship on Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 12- 2 pm. This will be the first of several congregational gatherings designed to help us understand who we are as a congregation and where and what God is calling us to be next. This will help us gather feedback and begin to articulate who we are both individually and collectively. It will also be fun! We look forward to being with you. Lunch will be provided. All ages are welcome! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall or by emailing the church office.

Save the Dates

Our next big mission events are Friendsgiving and the Household Closet Christmas Party. Friendsgiving will involve food prep on Wednesday, November 27 (the day before Thanksgiving) and food prep, serving, cleanup, and delivering meals on Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving). Please start looking at your plans for that week and be ready to sign up to help in the coming weeks!

The Household Closet Christmas Party will be after worship on Sunday, December 15. More information about what is needed and how to help with the party itself will be announced next month.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught

There is a strength, a power even,
in understanding brokenness,
because embracing our brokenness creates a need and desire for mercy,
and perhaps a corresponding need to show mercy.

~ Bryan Stevenson

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
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**Please rise in body or spirit*

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