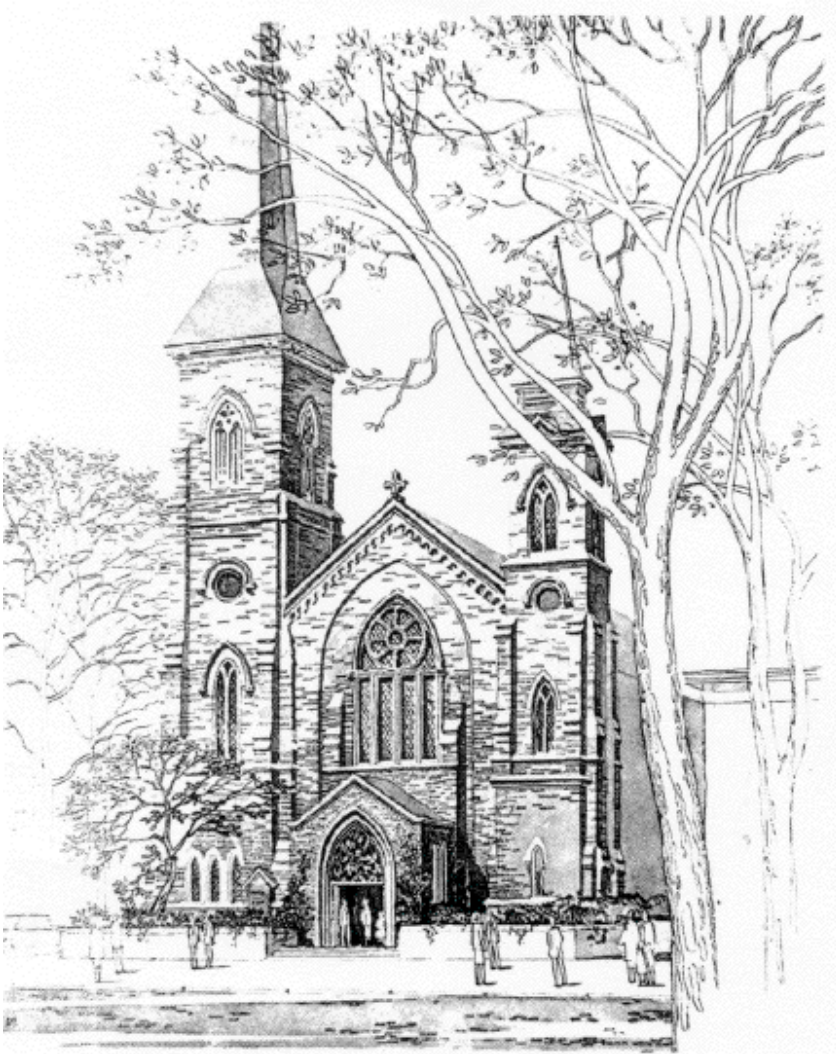


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday after Epiphany

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (Ellacombe)

arr. Todd Beany

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
**and for those who sat in the shadow of death
light has dawned.**

Jesus Christ, the light of the world, has come to us.

Let us open our hearts to the good news he brings!

***HYMN 288** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your realm
and called his disciples to be fishers of people.
We confess that we are not always ready for
Jesus to come among us.
He calls, but we are not listening.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**He shows us your path, but we are busy with our own plans.
Forgive us, we pray.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness
to the good news of your realm at hand
and our vocation may serve to draw people to your salvation
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA (#576)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

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

¹ God is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

⁴ One thing I asked of God;
this I seek:
to live in God's house
all the days of my life,
to behold God's beauty,
and to inquire in God's temple.

⁵ For God will shelter me
in the day of trouble,
and will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;
God will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God's tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to God.

⁷ Hear, O God, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, God, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Curtis Hanson

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my heart, the strength of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

Hide not thy face, O Lord, from me. Thy face, Lord, do I seek.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, one thing that I will seek after;

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the Lord.

My head shall be lifted up, and I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:12-25

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the realm of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ Then walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers.

¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Jesus. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the realm of heaven and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So Jesus' fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy, people who were paralyzed, and Jesus cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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 426** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Faith Eternal”

Edward Broughton

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

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

Because these four ordinary fishermen left their nets that day,
we are gathered here this morning.

We are woven into this rich history of calling, of following, of making tough decisions
that are often illogical but grounded in love.

~ Jimmy Only

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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