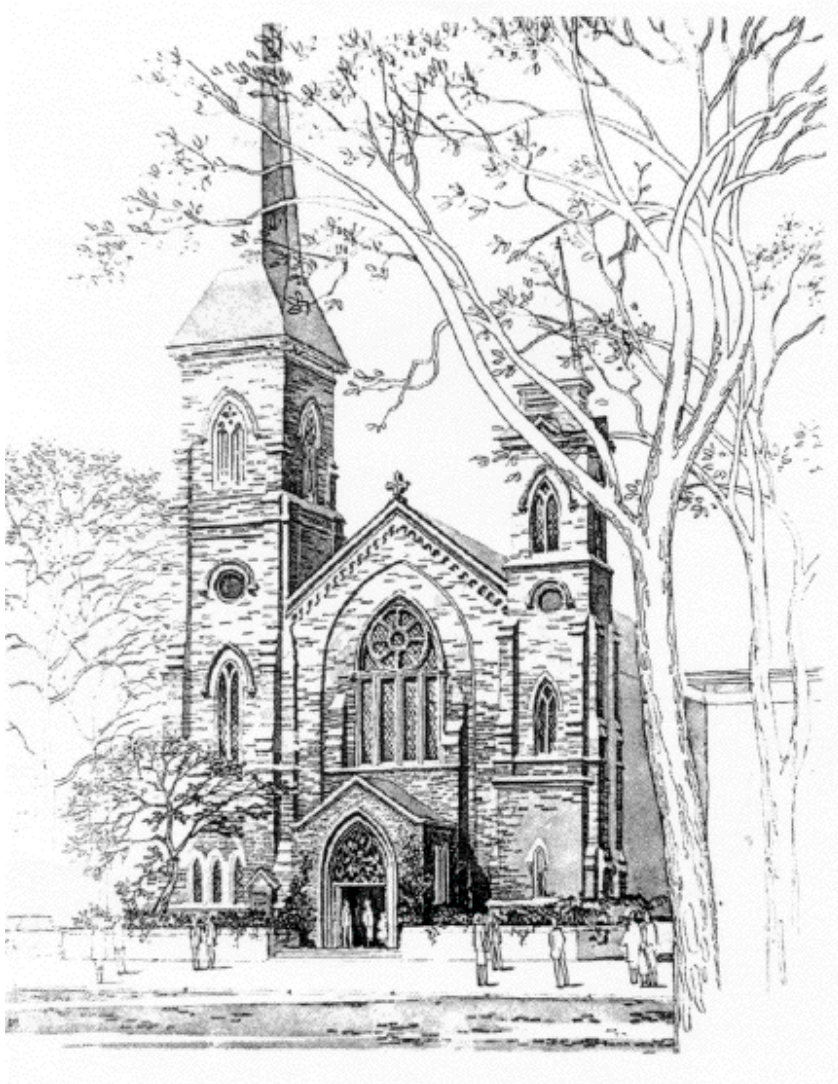


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 22, 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

“Sarabande” Op. 8

Joseph Sulzer

Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In this time set apart for worship,
the Spirit invites us to draw near to God,
the Holy One who is steadfast and sure.
Draw near to God,
who welcomes those often overlooked.
Draw near to God,
who welcomes us all.
Let us worship God together!

***HYMN 469** Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
we confess that we are weighed down by our failings.
Our envy distances us from other people, and
we waste our time thinking about who is
more important.
Where we might bring reconciliation, we often create conflicts.
Where your presence beckons, we too often resist.
Have mercy on us, we pray.
Forgive us, renew us, and guide us in your way. Amen.

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 1

¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
² but their delight is in the law of God,
and on that law they meditate day and night.
³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
⁶ for God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

In the Garden

*I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear
Falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.*

Beth Langley, *alto*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*
arr. Rosemary Siemens

Chorus:

*And He walks with me
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. Chorus*

(Violin solo) Chorus

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³² But they did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum, and when Jesus was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

³⁶ Then he took a little child and put the child among them, and taking the child in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. 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**

Welcome New Wineskins

ASSURANCE

Please see hymn insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccatino”

Andrew Moore

*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 September 22, 2024

Thursday, September 26

5:00 pm Mission Study Team meeting

Sunday, September 29

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Household Closet

We will be moving the Household Closet to its new home today after worship. Please stay to help if you are able!

Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm. This is a one-time Tuesday edition of the sound baths, and they will return to Monday evenings beginning in November! More information is available on the Arts at Park page on the website. All are welcome!

Age Well Day

Park Central is partnering with other area organizations to host an Age Well Day on the topic of eating well. It will be held here on Tuesday, September 24 from 1-3 pm. All are welcome to attend, and we would love for people to volunteer to provide hospitality. Please contact the office if you are interested!

Church Clean-out Day

We will be renting a dumpster and cleaning out the church on Saturday, October 5! We have also selected October 12 as a rain date. Please come if you are able. There are jobs for all!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
Fellowship Hour the Sapey family

Gracious God,
may I do the work that is mine to do
with a gentleness born out of your wisdom and love.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

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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