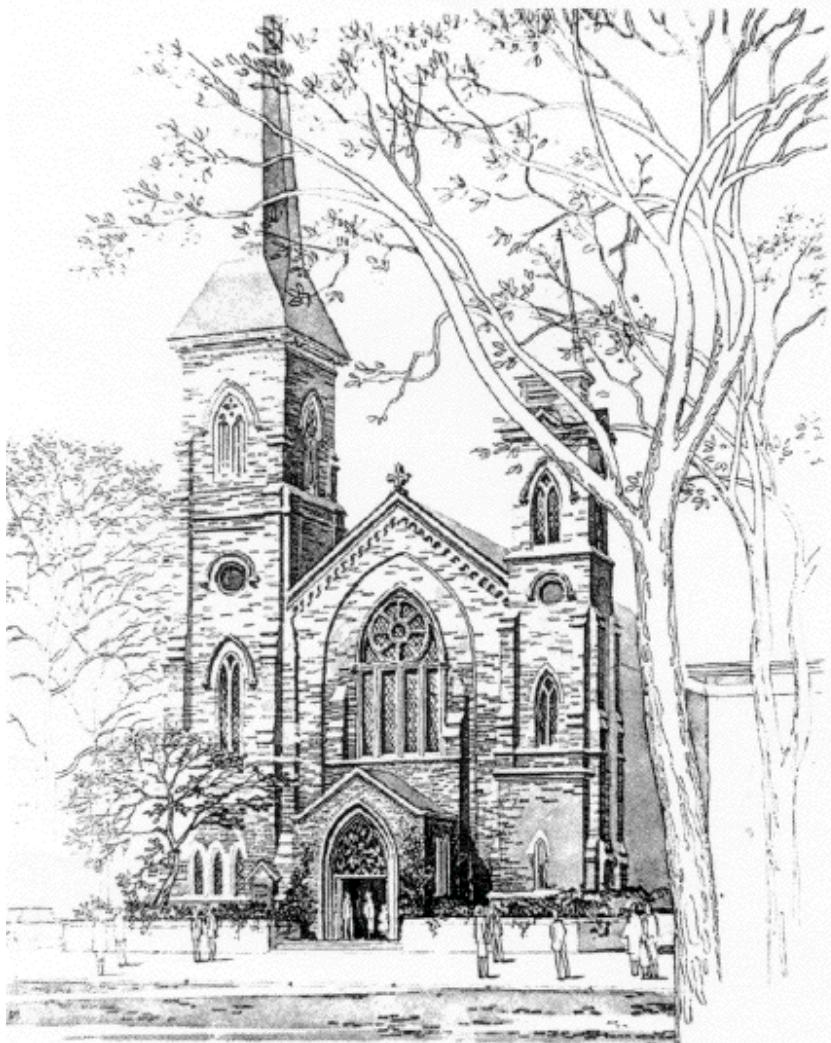


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday after Epiphany

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026 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

Lead, Kindly Light

Emma Louise Ashford, arr. Pietro Cattaneo

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and see!

For God formed us to be servants.

Come and see!

For God gathers us in this sacred time and place.

Come and see!

**For God calls us into the work of love
and gives us as a light in the world.**

Come and worship! Come and see!

***HYMN 12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSON

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love,

You have formed us and called us.

When we pay attention,

we remember that you are our redeemer
and our strength.

We confess that we also take your presence for granted.

We get distracted by our phones, caught up in our work,
and consumed by our worries and fears.

Forgive us.

Remind us of the ways we have seen and experienced

your presence and your grace

so that we might invite others to come and see

the great light of your love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
God called me before I was born
and named me while I was in my mother's womb.

² God made my mouth like a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of the hand of the Most High.
God made me a polished arrow,
and hid me away in God's quiver.

³ And God said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Most High
and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now God says,
who formed me in the womb to be God's servant,
to bring Jacob back to God,
and that Israel might be gathered to God,
for I am honored in the sight of the Most High,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ God says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the Most High,
the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

because of the Most High, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 451** Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

THE SECOND LESSON John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Jesus. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard John say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ Andrew first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Come On Up To The House

Beth Langley, *contralto*
Words and Music by Tom Waits
and Kathleen Brennan

*Well, the moon is broken and the sky is cracked, Come on up to the house.
The only things that you can see is all that you lack, Come on up to the house.
All your cryin' don't do no good, Come on up to the house.
Come down off the cross, we can use the wood, You got to come on up to the house.*

*Come on up to the house, Come on up to the house -
The world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through, You've got to come on up to the house.*

*There's nothin' in the world that you can do, You've got to come on up to the house.
And you been whipped by the forces that are inside you, Got to come on up to the house.
Well, you're high on top of your mountain of woe, Got to come on up to the house.
Well, you know you should surrender but you can't let go, You've got to come on up to the house.*

*Come on up to the house, Come on up to the house -
The world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through, You've got to come on up to the house.
Got to come on up to the house, You've got to come on up into the house.*

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.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

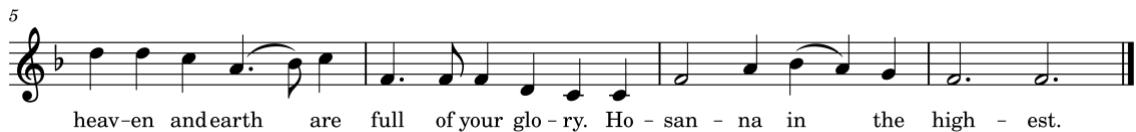
We praise you, O God, for all your works.

... we join our voices to those of the heavenly host,
who sing to your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might,

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heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

... Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ri-sen; Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died;

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Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

... both now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prayer after Communion

**God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us out in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue to walk together
in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision**

SLANE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Largo

Anton Bruckner

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



Announcements for January 18, 2026

[Scan here to donate!](#)

Monday, January 19

Church office closed

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 pm Sound bath

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am Bible study

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear comfy clothing, and come ready to relax!

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 18. We will gather on the third floor that evening at 6:00 for a simple meal and a worship service including the (optional) imposition of ashes. All are welcome! Please let the office know if you would like to help with the food.

Get Involved!

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall for greeters and coffee hour hosts. You can get more information about each of these roles by emailing the office! You can also contact the office if you are interested in reading during worship. Don't hesitate to ask questions about how any of these roles can be adapted to fit your situation. For example, you can partner with someone else to host coffee hour, provide financial support, or even just make or bring a few things! Mission, Membership, and Outreach is happy to help you get involved in whatever way works best for you!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Fellowship Hour David Aronson and Sara Hahne

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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Sarah McTyre..... Pastor
Sandra Murphy..... Music Director
Kenneth Pfeffer..... Building Manager
Briana Vaught..... Office and Communications Manager
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