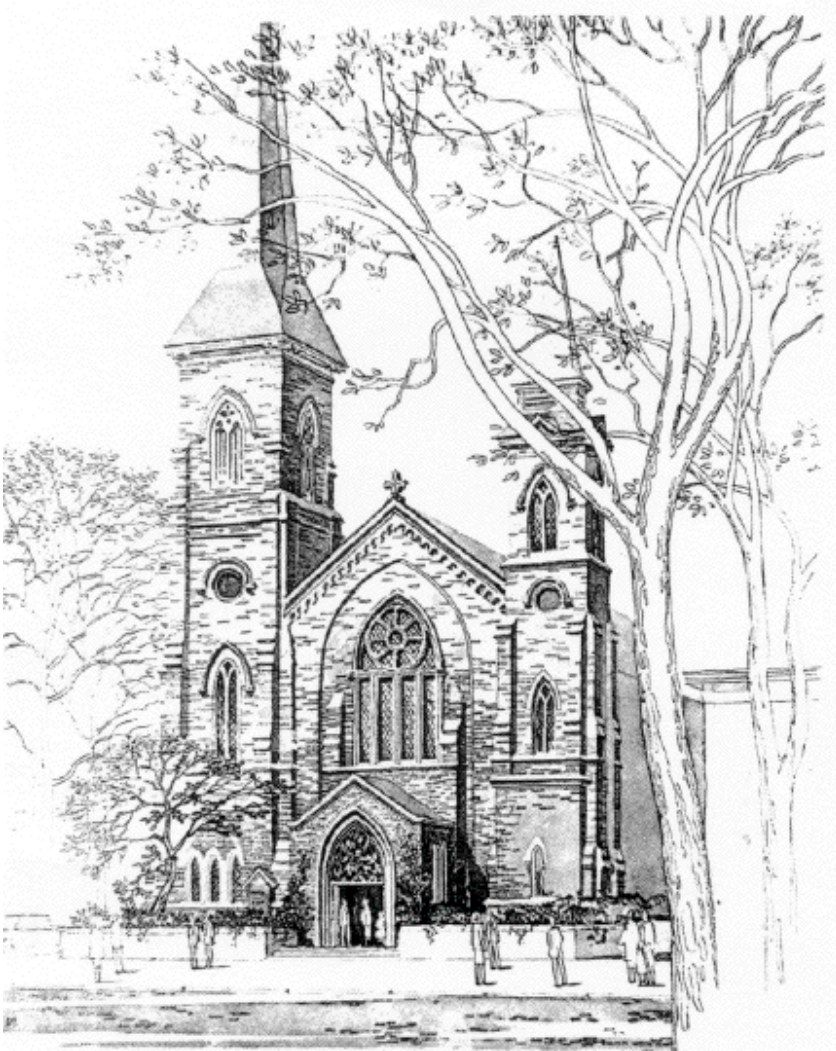


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
AUGUST 11, 2024 10:30 AM

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**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**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

arr. Dale Wood

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship from pools and picnics.

**We come with sunburns and bug bites.**

We come with our minds on things other than God.

**We come with over-scheduled lives.**

We come sleepy and stressed.

**And we are here!**

**We have come to worship our God.**

Let us come and worship, opening our hearts to God.

**\*HYMN 504** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God,**

**we know that trying to live up to others' expectations  
is like running a race with no finish line.**

**Forgive us when we spend our time worrying**

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about what other people think.  
Forgive us when we give up trying to be the people  
you call us to be in our efforts to please everyone else.  
Help us to cast off all that burdens us  
so that we may be free to follow your ways. 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, the power, and the glory  
forever. Amen.

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 29:11-14

<sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Most High, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says God, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have

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driven you, says the Most High, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

arr. Brenda Portman

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of they love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best.  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

Psalm 62:1-8

<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from God comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup> God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

<sup>3</sup> How long will you assail a person,  
will you batter your victim, all of you,  
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup> Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.  
They take pleasure in falsehood;  
they bless with their mouths,  
but inwardly they curse.

<sup>5</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from God,

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<sup>6</sup> who alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

<sup>7</sup> On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in God at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before God,  
who is a refuge for us.

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**

**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.**

Let us give thanks to our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

We praise you, O God...  
... the heavenly host, who sing to your glory:



You are blessed, O God...  
.... Great is the mystery of faith:



May your Spirit descend now...  
... bringing good news to all.  
**Amen.**

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

*Prayer after Communion*

**God of abundance,  
we give you thanks for the grace we experience at your table.  
We are grateful for forgiveness, for connection, for sustenance,  
and for a renewed vision of who we are called to be.  
Send us out to serve your world with peace, courage, and joy. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                      Come! Live in the Light!                      WE ARE CALLED  
*Please see hymn insert*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Once to Every Man and Nation”                      arr. James Pethel

*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.....Ben Merchant

God, in the presence of your love,  
I ask that you unite my work with your great work and bring it to fulfillment.  
Just as a drop of water, poured into a river, becomes one with the flowing waters,  
so may all I do become part of all that you do.  
So that those with whom I live and work may also be drawn to your love.

~ Gertrude of Helfta

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The communion liturgy is adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's  
resources on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.

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](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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