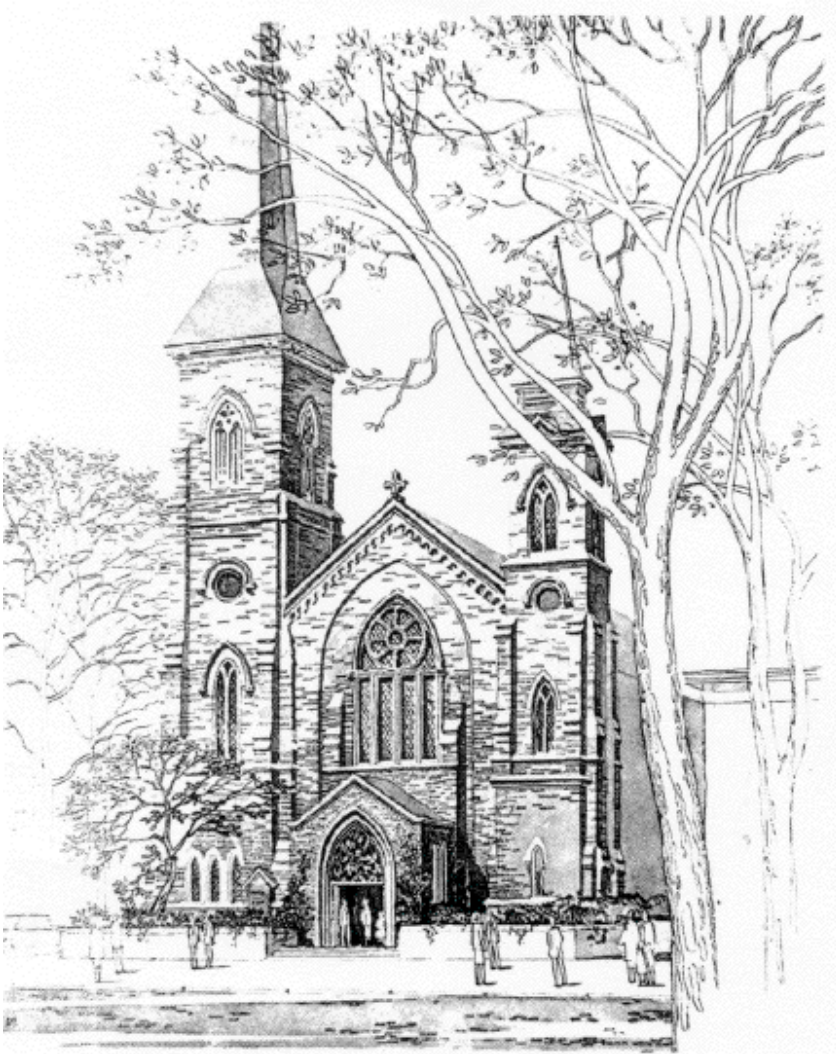


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
JANUARY 29, 2023 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**

"Prelude" from Sonata No. 5 in a minor

Georg Philipp Telemann

Sandra Murphy, *harpsichord*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

What does our God require of us?

**We are called to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with God.**

Let us worship God together.

**\*HYMN 405** What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**we have not always done what is blameless and right  
or spoken truth from the heart with love.**

**We have ignored your word,  
and our words and deeds have caused pain.**

**Forgive us by the power of your mercy,  
that we might stand in the goodness of Christ  
and walk in the light of his love. 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

Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what God says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the case of the Most High,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for God has a case against God's people,  
and will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of God."

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before God  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Most High be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> God has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does God require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

David Haas

Blest Are They

Refrain:

*Rejoice and be glad  
Blessed are you; holy are you  
Rejoice and be glad  
Yours is the Kingdom of God*

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit  
Theirs is the kingdom of God  
Blest are they, full of sorrow  
They shall be consoled.*

Refrain

*Blest are they who show mercy  
Mercy shall be theirs  
Blest are they the poor of heart  
They shall see God.*

Refrain

*Blest are they, the lowly ones  
They shall inherit the earth  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst  
They shall have their fill.*

Refrain

*Blest are they who seek peace  
They are the children of God  
Blest are they who suffer in faith  
The glory of God is theirs*

Refrain

*Blest are you who suffer hate  
All because of me  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom  
Shine for all to see  
Refrain*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, the disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the realm of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the realm of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 375 Lord of All Good

TOULON

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Comfort Ye My People” (FREU DICH SEHR)

arr. Paul Fejko

*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.*

*We will hold our congregational and corporation meeting  
immediately following worship. All are welcome!*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....	Briana Vaught
Greeter.....	Ben Merchant
Fellowship Hour.....	Ben Merchant

In the spirit of the beatitudes,  
may we commit to leading a life of blessing,  
living in compassion, simplicity, and peace.

Today's liturgy is 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](https://pcusa.org/matthew25)

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