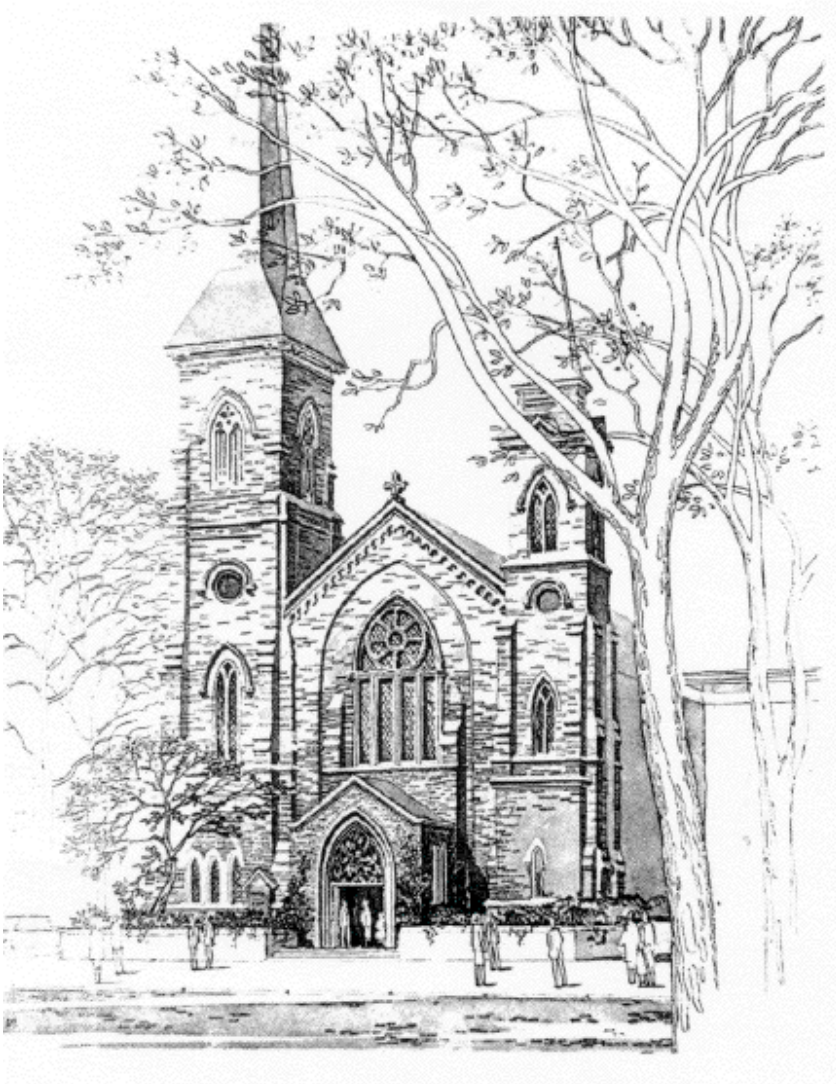


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Transfiguration Sunday

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 19, 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

“Sarabande” (after Felix Mendelssohn)

Gordon Young

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Be still.

God, the Holy One, is present here.

We come together and find that this is holy ground.

Be still.

The glory of the Lord is shining all around.

**We stand on this holy ground,
renewed by awe.**

Be still.

The power of God's Spirit is moving in this place.

**We stand on this holy ground,
waiting, listening, watching, hoping.**

Be still and know that God is here.

Come, let us worship.

***HYMN 469** Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
your glory fills the earth.
Your greatness is more dazzling than the sun.
You carry out justice and righteousness.
Yet we often treat you with cozy familiarity
or disregard you completely.
Giver of all grace, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and open our hearts to sing your praise.
Teach us wisdom, fill us with courage,
and set us once more on right paths
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² God said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of God settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Walk Humbly with Thy God

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

George Frideric Handel

text adapted by Carl Fredrickson

Walk in love, as Christ has loved us.

Walk ye humbly with thy God.

This the Lord requires of thee: to do justly, loving mercy;

Walk ye humbly with thy God.

Walk in love, as Christ has loved us.

Walk humbly with thy God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved,

with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!”⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus, alone.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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 397** O for a Closer Walk with God

DALEHURST

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on ‘Old 113th’”

Stephen Walters

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.....Anita Wagner
Greeter.....Sara Hahne

God places us in the world as fellow workers-agents of transfiguration.
We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice,
so there will be more compassion and caring,
that there will be more laughter and joy,
that there will be more togetherness in God's world.
~ Desmond Tutu

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

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**Please rise in body or spirit*

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