

PARK CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Day of Pentecost*

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**MAY 24, 2026 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**

*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**

Sacred Currents

Connor Chee

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Come like a rushing wind and revive our hearts!**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Come like a purifying fire and renew our minds!**

Come, Holy Spirit!

**Come to your church in this time and place!**

Come and stir up our courage!

**Come and fill us with joy!**

**\*HYMN 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Great God,**

**We have seen your power and glory**

**in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**By sending us your Spirit,  
You have shared that same power with us;  
yet we have often turned it aside,  
trying to live  
by our own strength  
and on our own terms.  
We confess that we have not always  
lived and witnessed according to your call.  
Forgive our stubborn resistance.  
Transform our lives  
by the power of your Spirit  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be  
your bold and faithful people. Amen.**

#### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

#### **\*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 104:24-35

- <sup>24</sup> O God, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- <sup>25</sup> There is the sea, great and wide;  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.
- <sup>26</sup> There go the ships  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
- <sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;
- <sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.
- <sup>31</sup> May the glory of God endure forever;  
may God rejoice in God's works—
- <sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
- <sup>33</sup> I will sing to God as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to God, in whom I rejoice.
- <sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless God, O my soul.  
Praise God!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, they are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your children shall prophesy,  
and your young people shall see visions,  
and your old people shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon those enslaved to me,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of God's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of God shall be saved.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Megan Hook, *soprano*; Michael Spencer, *baritone*  
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

The Lone, Wild Bird

PROSPECT, arr. Jessica Nelson

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight, is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine, I rest in thee; Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

*The ends of Earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep, and far-off land.  
And I am thine, I rest in thee; Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

## 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.*

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Generous God,  
we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.  
Come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.  
Come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.  
Come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness, or sorrow.  
Come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.  
Come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.  
Come to bless us  
**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit.  
**We ask you to breathe on your people this day,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

\***HYMN 286** Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

\***BENEDICTION**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**POSTLUDE**

Exultation

Huw Morgan

*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 May 24, 2026**

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### **Monday, May 25**

Church office closed

### **Sunday, May 31**

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Congregational meeting

12:00 pm Fellowship hour



### **Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called a special congregational meeting to be held after worship on Sunday, May 31. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and to authorize them to begin the process of seeking pastoral leadership.

### **Sound Bath**

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear warm comfy clothing and consider bringing a blanket.

### **Pride Month**

Park Central will be participating in the Interfaith Pride Worship Service on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at All Saints Church, and all are welcome!

This year's Pride parade will be held on June 13, and we look forward to marching together as we celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ+ community!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....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.

The Litany for Pentecost is adapted from liturgy for St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury.

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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