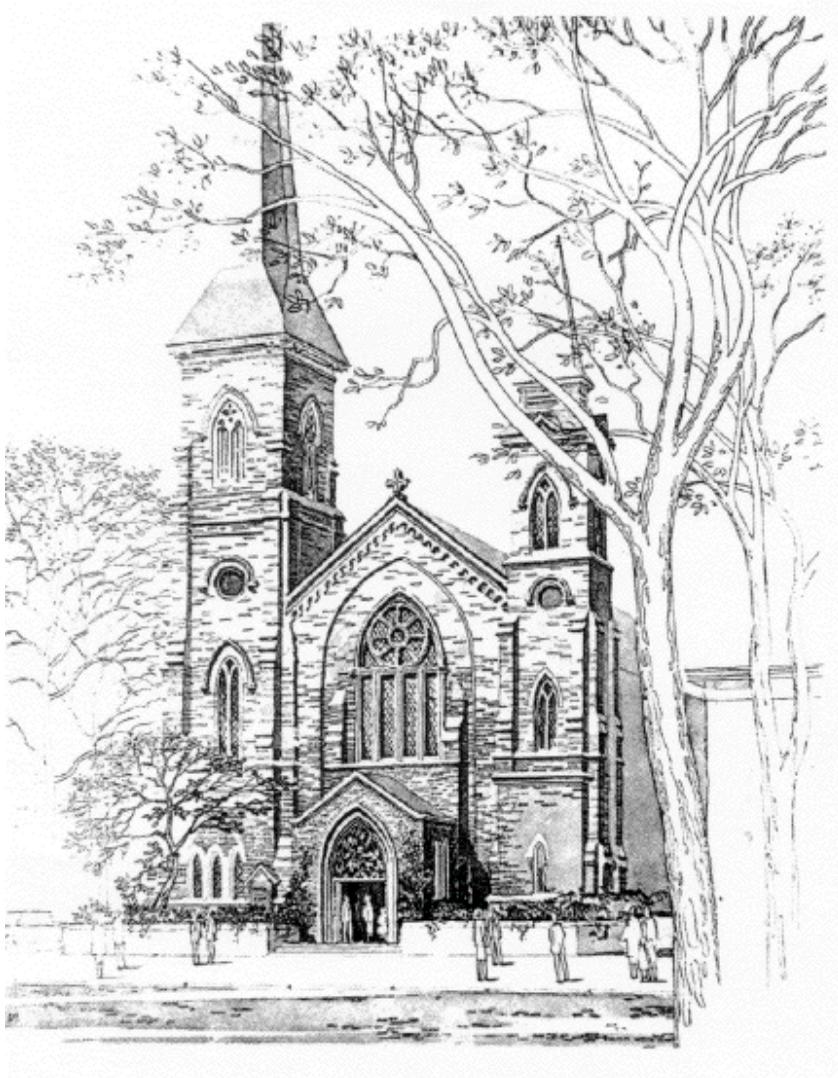


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Reign of Christ Sunday

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2022 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

“Valse Lente” from Suite for Violin and Jazz Piano
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Claude Bolling

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to give thanks to God
for breath that fills us with life,
for love that softens our hearts,
for renewal that transforms our lives,
for peace that calms the chaos of our souls,
for hope that restores our faith.
We gather to give thanks
for our God is always faithful and merciful.

***HYMN 191** God Is Our Refuge and Strength

WINCHESTER OLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we confess that we have often neglected
to declare Jesus the ruler
and model for our lives.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We have been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ
yet slow to do the same.
We can be bold in calling for
generosity, mercy, and forgiveness
for ourselves
yet reluctant to offer
inclusion, love, and compassion
to others.
Forgive us, O God.
Restore in us again
the commitment to be more Christlike
in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the empires totter;
God thunders; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of God;
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
God burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The God of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *guitar and vocals*

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandra Murphy, *alto*

Traditional Breton Tune

Colossians Hymn

arr. and with harmonization and refrain by Joel Stamoollis

*He's the image of the Father; He's the firstborn of the world
By whom all things were created in the heavens and on earth.
All things seen and all things unseen, all dominions, thrones, and kings,
Were created through Christ Jesus, were created for His sake.
Jesus, Jesus, receive our praise. Jesus, Jesus, name above all names.*

*By His holy word of power He's sustaining through and through.
In Him all things hold together, and through Him all will be made new.
He is head of those He purchased, all His church throughout the world.
And He is the new beginning; He's the firstborn from the dead.
Jesus, Jesus, receive our praise. Jesus, Jesus, name above all names.*

*Yes, it was the Father's pleasure that the fullness dwell in Him,
And that grace flow beyond measure through the blood that Jesus shed.
Lift your voice in adoration we've been given such a Lord:
Our Creator, our Redeemer, image of the unseen God.
Jesus, Jesus, receive our praise. Jesus, Jesus, name above all names.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Creator, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ God has rescued us from the power of evil and transferred us into the realm of God's beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through Christ and for Christ. ¹⁷ Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. ¹⁸ Christ is the head of the body, the church, and is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that Christ might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Year Ends Today*

Anita Wagner, elder

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 306** Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Variations on St. George's Windsor”

arr. Harold Rutz

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Briana Vaught
Greeters Sara Hahne and Marissa Saunders
Fellowship Hour Ben Merchant

If you must look back, do so forgivingly.

If you will look forward, do so prayerfully.

But the wisest course would be to be present in the present gratefully.

~ Maya Angelou

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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