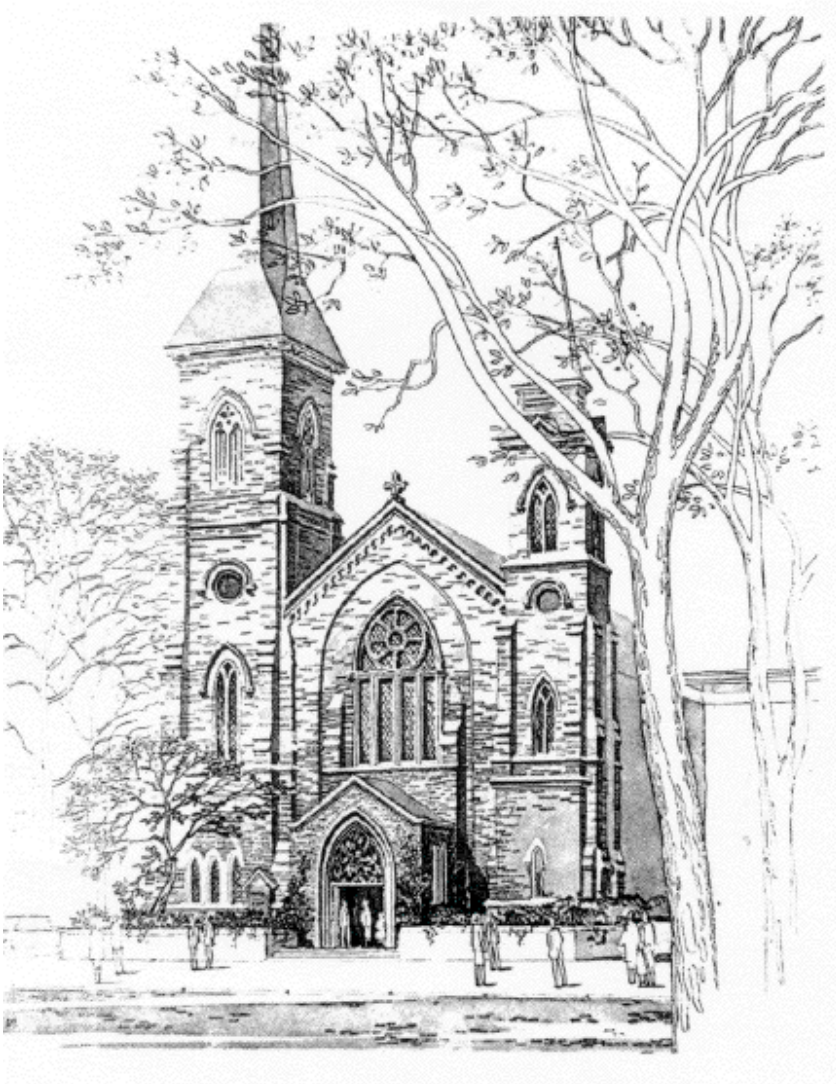


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of Life,

you are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,

that we may see you in one another.

Open our ears,

that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Enter our hearts,

that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

Be with us now. Show us the way to new life

and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

***HYMN 376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we come humbly asking for your mercy.
We confess that we often walk through our days
with divided hearts.
We fail to do what is right and just.
We are slow to speak truth from the heart.
We thoughtlessly smear and insult others,
and our words cause harm even to those we love most.
Have mercy on us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Call us once again to follow the way of Jesus
that our hearts may become more whole
and our lives more devoted to you. 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 and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 15

¹ O God, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

³ who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who revere God;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵ who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *tenor*; Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

Albert Hay Malotte; arr. Carl Deis

The Lord's Prayer

Our father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ² they noticed that some of the disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴ Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹ “For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

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

SHARPTHORNE

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Festive Piece on ‘Plainfield’”

Robert Lowry, arr. Joseph M. Martin

*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.*

Announcements for September 1, 2024

Monday, September 2

Church office closed

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Back to School

Back to school is this Wednesday, September 4! We will gather at the church in the morning and leave for Dr. King Elementary School at 8:50 to welcome the students for a great new year. All are welcome!

Block Party

This year's block party will be held on Saturday, September 14 from 11 to 2. We'll have food, ice cream, face painting, games, and more! Please contact the office if you would like to help with setup or with various tasks during the event.

Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Monday, September 16 at 7 pm. More information is available on the Arts at Park page on the website. All are welcome!

Household Closet

We will be moving the Household Closet to its new home beginning September 22 after worship. Please stay to help if you are able!

Church Clean-out

Please sign up in the Gathering Hall for the church clean-out! We will use the information gathered to select the new date.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Sara Hahne
Fellowship HourDavid Aronson and Sara Hahne

When you search for me, you will find me;
if you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

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

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
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