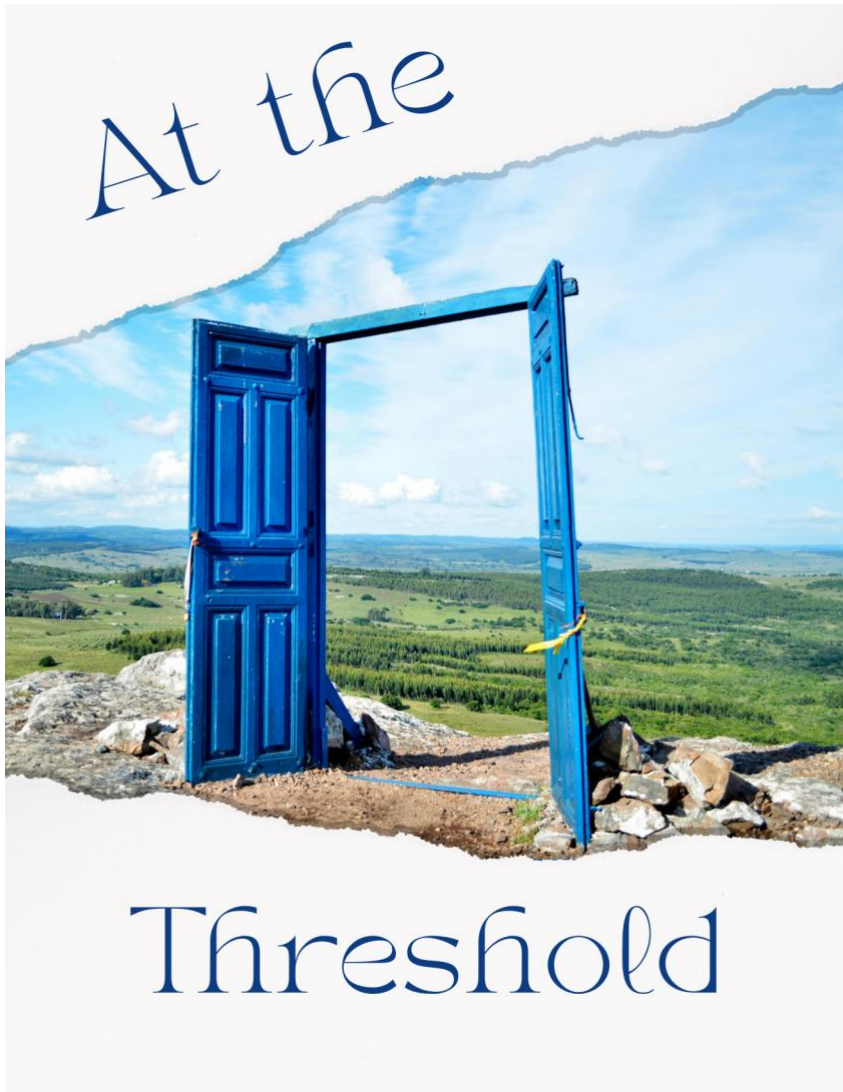


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 12, 2025 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

Excerpt from "Reverie"

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

William Joel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

You are the God of our going out and our coming in.

You are our keeper, our help in every season.

You go before us as we cross every threshold in life.

You surround us with love and shower us with abundance.

As we enter this holy space, may we set our hope on you

And step into a life of faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

***HYMN 401** Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all good,

we confess that we do not always place our trust in you.

In a world full of terror and strife,

we are drawn to give in to despair.

We become overwhelmed,

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**and we say that since we cannot do everything,
we may as well do nothing.
Forgive us, we pray.
Bring us back once more to
your hope and joy and peace.
Sustain us with your grace
and guide us with your wisdom. 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 66:1-12

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of God's name;

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give to God glorious praise.

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.”

⁵ Come and see what God has done:

God does awesome deeds among mortals.

⁶ God turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God,

⁷ who rules by might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of God’s praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept us among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ You brought us into the net;

you laid burdens on our backs;

¹² you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water;

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 769** For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

THE SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

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⁴ Thus says the God of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to God on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Briana Vaught

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Park Central Ensemble, Beth Langley, *alto solo*

Walk with the Wind

Peggy Watson
arr. Matt Falker

*In these troubled times when nothing seems right,
You shine like a pillar of light.
And I know that I can go on, 'cause you keep me steady and strong.*

*There's so much to do, but we're not alone.
Simple human compassion will bring us home.
Standing up for what we believe will keep the flame burning, let us all breathe.*

And love, love lives forever, we'll do this together. Walk with the wind.

*People everywhere have stood in our shoes, facing the storm fighting for truth.
A call for justice filling the streets, crossing the bridge that's between us
In the spirit of peace.*

And love, love lives forever, we'll do this together. Walk with the wind.

*You inspire me, you fill me with hope.
In spite of this hardship, there's one thing I know.*

Oh, that love, love lives forever, we'll do this together. Walk with the wind.

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 774** There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in F”

Johann Ludwig Krebs

*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 October 12, 2025

Scan here to donate!

Monday, October 13

Church office closed

Sunday, October 19

9:00 am Bible study

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear comfy clothing, and come ready to relax!

Congregational Meeting – October 26

The session has called a special congregational meeting after worship on October 26 related to the mission study process. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2 with a worship service commemorating all the saints who have touched our lives.

All are welcome to join us for a movie and pizza night on Sunday, November 2 at 5:00. We will be showing the comedy film *North Avenue Irregulars*, a film in which the main characters are the pastor and members of a Presbyterian church.

We will be starting the season of stewardship this month, and it will culminate in a celebration lunch after worship on November 16. All are welcome!

Our annual Friendsgiving lunch will be held on Thursday, November 27 from 11-1. More information, including how to volunteer, will be announced later this month.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

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.

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager
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**Please rise in body or spirit*

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