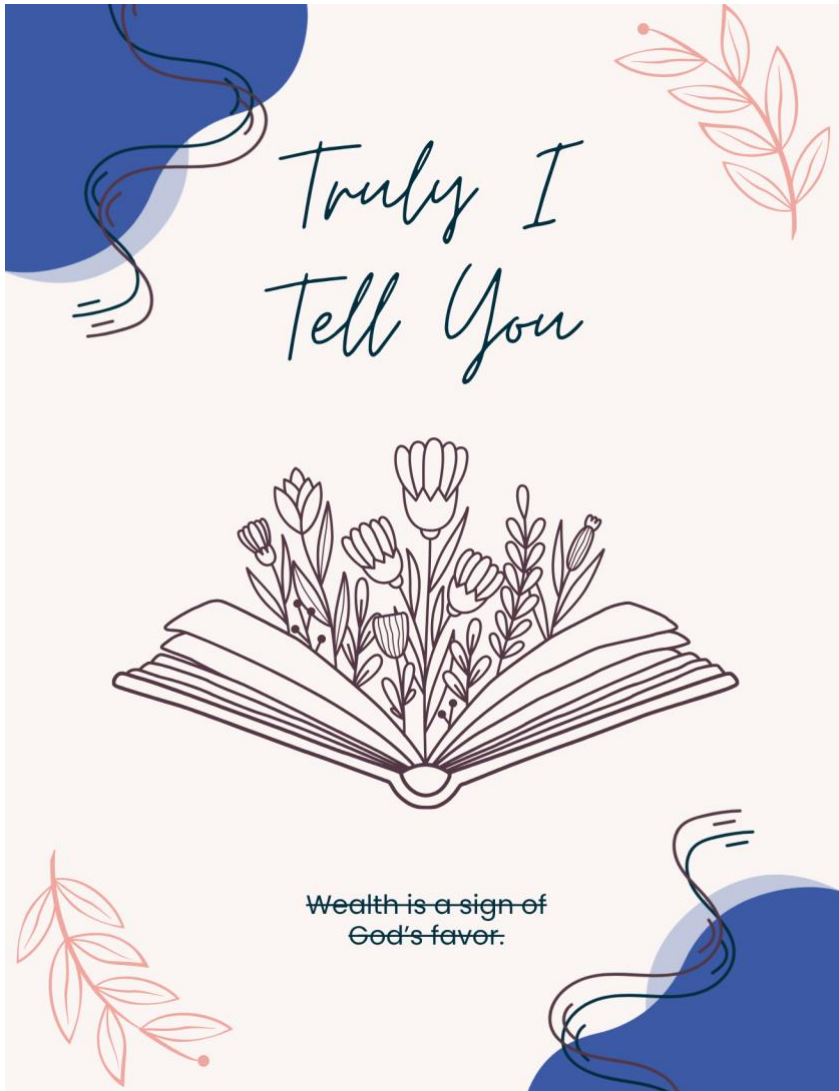


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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JULY 26, 2026 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

*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

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Words by C.D. Martin; Music by C. H. Gabriel,
arr. Mark Hayes

Sandra Murphy, *piano*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The world says: "You are blessed beyond measure if you have wealth."

**But we come today awash with the anxiety we carry
about money and possessions.**

The world says: "God will bless your finances if you do the right things."

But we come knowing that God's work and wealth do not go hand in hand.

For God says: "You cannot serve God and wealth."

Our God will fill us with good things.

Let us worship the God of overflowing abundance!

***HYMN 42** Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
we live in your creation
surrounded by the richness of your provision.
We also live surrounded by the messaging
of constant dissatisfaction and the fear of scarcity.
We confess that we do not yet know how to live content
and often find ourselves wanting more possessions
to secure our lives.
Forgive us and mend our divided hearts
that we may rest in your care,
treasure your gifts,
and feast together on the abundance of your house. 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

1 Timothy 6:6-10

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 819 Be Still, My Soul

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THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But Jesus replied to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶Then Jesus told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’

¹⁸Then the rich man said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to the rich man, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Dan Blumenthal, *violin* ; Sandra Murphy, *vocals*;
Michael Spencer, *guitar & vocals*;

More Precious Than Silver

Lynn DeShazo (addl. lyrics attrib. Andrey Kostyuk)

*Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;
And nothing I desire compares with You.*

*Lord, Your life is divine, eternal.
Lord, Your life regenerated me.
Lord, Your life is growing within me,
Until I am fully conformed to Thee.*

*Lord, Your love is wide as the ocean.
Lord, Your love is deep as the sea.
Lord, Your love encompasses the nations,
And that is all I want to live in me.*

*Lord, Your light is shining within us;
Lord, Your light drives darkness away.
Lord, Your light is guiding us onwards,
Preparing us for the coming day.*

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 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sortie in Six

Christopher Tambling

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

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.

Are you new to our church?

We would love to connect with you!
Please scan the QR code for our
digital welcome pad!



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Sandra Murphy.....	Music Director
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