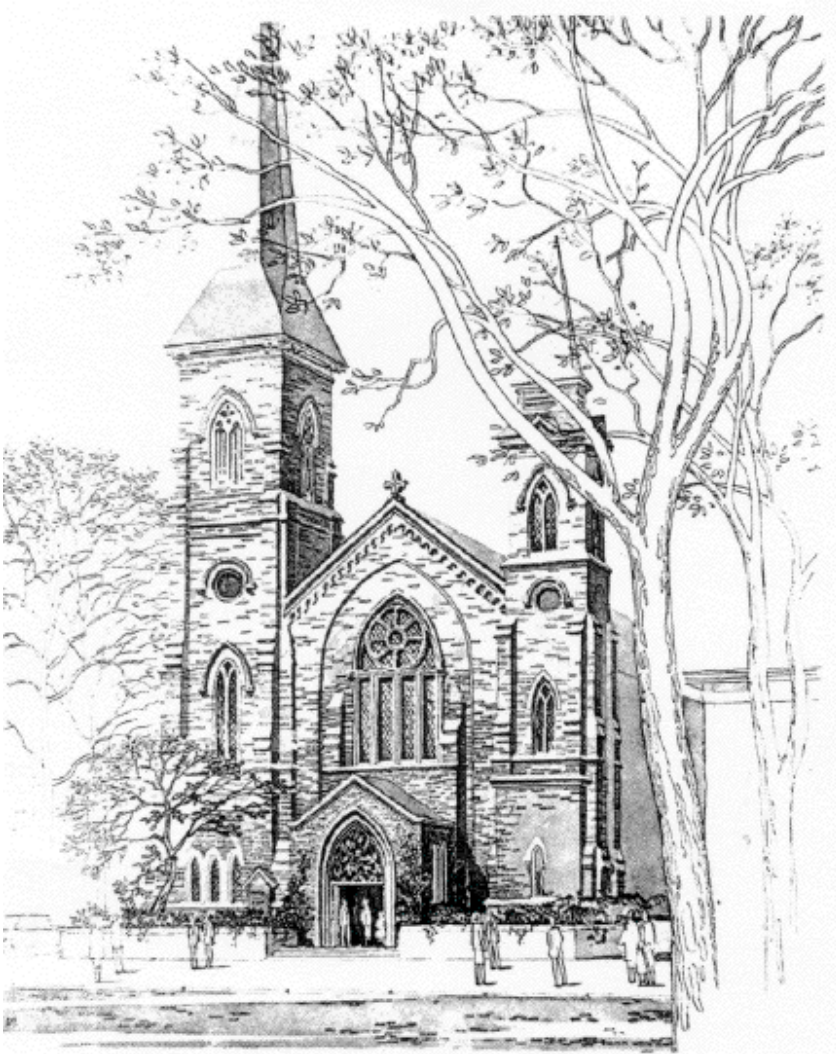


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday after Epiphany

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21, 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

“Fantasia No. 1 for Violin,” TWV 40:14
I. Largo

Georg Philipp Telemann

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From God comes my salvation.
For God alone my soul waits in silence.
God alone is my rock and my salvation.
God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
Let us worship God, our mighty rock and refuge.

***HYMN 507** I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call us, but we are slow to listen.
You show us your path, but we often prefer our own way.
Forgive, heal us, and lead us back to you,
that we might live in just and merciful ways.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ I mean, siblings in Christ, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have spouses be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Michael Spencer, *tenor*
Traditional Scottish
arr. John Bell and Gary Daigle

*Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me?*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the realm of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their

nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you. My

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heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly God.

You are holy, O God of majesty...
 ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died Christ is ri - sen

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Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
 ... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Illuminate our hearts, O God,
 with the radiance of Christ's presence,
 that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world.
 Teach us to befriend the lost,
 to serve the poor,**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**to reconcile with our enemies,
and to love our neighbors.
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the glory and joy of your eternal realm. Amen.**

***HYMN 426** Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Light of the World”

Franklin Ritter

*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.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

“Follow me and I will *make you...*”

This is a promise to cultivate us, not to sever us from what we love.
It’s a promise rooted in gentleness and respect — not violence and coercion.

It’s a promise that when we dare to let go,
the things we relinquish might be returned to us anew,
enlivened in ways we couldn’t have imagined on our own.

~ Debie Thomas

The liturgy today 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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