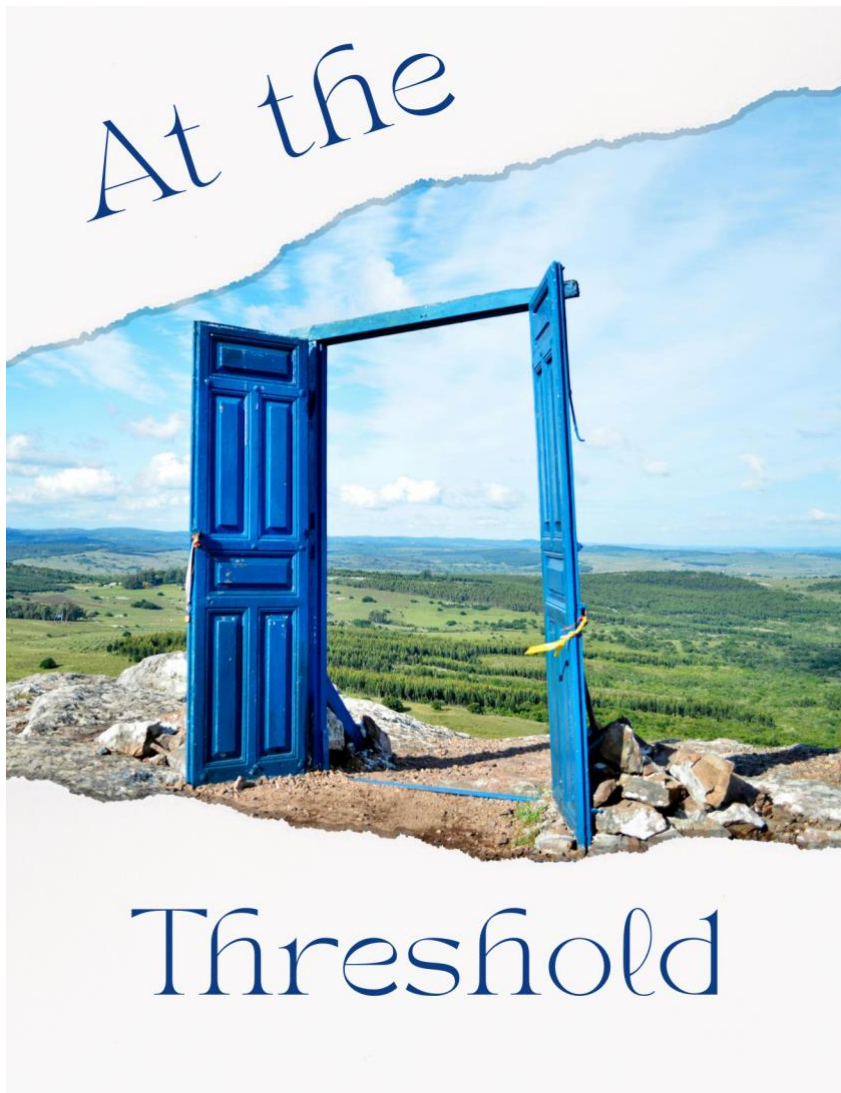


PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 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

“Variations on ‘Christe Sanctorum’”

arr. Richard Warner

Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***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 645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
you set before us a vision of life together
as you intend it to be.**

**You give each of us gifts and call us
into your great work of love.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

**Forgive us when we fail to see
the doors that you open for us.
Forgive us when we take too long to decide what we might do
and are too worried about what might go wrong.
Forgive us when we are too fearful
to cross thresholds into more abundant life.
Call us again into your new creation
that we may walk in your paths with joy. 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

Isaiah 12

¹ You will say on that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O God,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and will not be afraid,
for God is my strength and my might
and has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ And you will say on that day:

“Give thanks to God;
call on God’s name;
make known God’s deeds among the nations;
proclaim that God’s name is exalted.

⁵ Sing praises to the Most High, who has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN 314** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

**Please rise in body or spirit*

in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by God—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Most High.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Pie Jesu from 'Requiem' Opus 48

Megan Hook, *soprano*

Gabriel Fauré

*Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem,
sempiternam requiem.*

Blessed Lord Jesus,
grant them rest,
eternal rest.

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Feel free to sing: "Great is thy faithfulness, O God *creator*."

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Sing!" (quoting LASST UNS ERFREUEN, SPANISH HYMN, HYMN TO JOY) arr. David Ritter
Dan Blumenthal, *violin* and Sandra Murphy, *piano*

*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 Dining Hall following worship
for our stewardship luncheon.*

Announcements for November 16, 2025

Scan here to donate!

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 pm Sound bath

Sunday, November 23

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



Friendsgiving

We will be hosting our annual Friendsgiving lunch on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. We have several different volunteer opportunities that day as well as on Tuesday, November 25. If you would like to volunteer or to donate a turkey, dessert, or bottled waters, you can find the form on the Facebook event or by scanning the QR code below. All are welcome to attend!



Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, November 18 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!

Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is November 30, and our theme is *What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent*. We will have devotional booklets available to pick up next Sunday. We hope you will join us to decorate the sanctuary on December 6 at 10 am.

Congregational Meeting

The session has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, December 7 after worship. The call for the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and to hear next steps from the session.

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.

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Brigid Boyle.....	Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....	Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....	Keyboard Musician
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