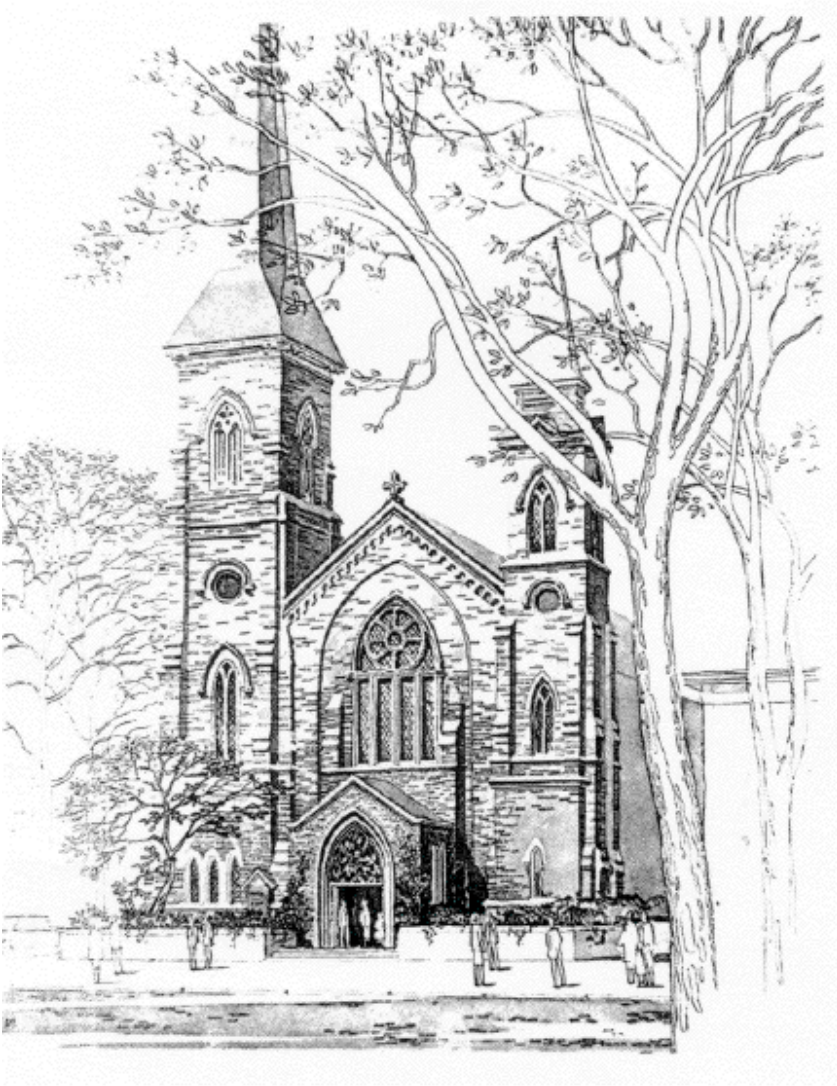


# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026 10:30 AM**

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**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**

Question And Answer

Max Reger, arr. Colin Hand

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come here seeking God.

**We long to behold God's beauty.**

We come here following Christ.

**We try to walk in the way of Jesus.**

We come here heeding the Spirit.

**We hope to bring justice and peace.**

Let us worship our God together.

**\*HYMN 377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
we confess that we have not been faithful to you  
in our thoughts and actions.  
We have been selfish in our desires  
and quarrelsome in our relationships.  
We have allowed fear to divide us  
from those who seem different,  
and let distrust separate us from our neighbors.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Save us from our divisive ways.  
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ  
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit  
in perfect harmony. 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 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup> God is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of God;  
this I seek:  
to live in God's house  
all the days of my life,  
to behold God's beauty,  
and to inquire in God's temple.

<sup>5</sup> For God will shelter me  
in the day of trouble,  
and will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;  
God will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in God's tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to God.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O God, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"  
Your face, God, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**THE SECOND LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, my siblings, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my siblings. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Briana Vaught

**SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

How Beautiful Are The Feet (from **Messiah**)

Megan Hook, *soprano*  
George Frideric Handel

*How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,  
And bring glad tidings of good things.*

# 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 346** For the Healing of the Nations

ST THOMAS

**\*BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

Recollection

Richard Lloyd

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

**Are you new to our church?**

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



## Announcements for January 25, 2026

Scan here to donate!

### Monday, January 26

7:00 pm Worship and education meeting

### Sunday, February 1

9:00 am Bible study

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

11:45 am LGBTQ+ Inclusion Workshop



### LGBTQ+ Inclusion Workshops

All are welcome to join in a series of conversations about the LGBTQ+ community and the church. These will be held after worship on February 1, 8, and 15. Together we will discuss ways we can increase our welcome and inclusion! Even if you can't make it to all three, you're welcome to join.

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 18. We will gather on the third floor that evening at 6:00 for a simple meal and a worship service including the (optional) imposition of ashes. All are welcome! Please let the office know if you would like to help with the food.

### Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please come at 6:30. Wear **warm** comfy clothing and consider bringing a blanket. Come ready to relax!

### Get Involved!

There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall for greeters and coffee hour hosts. You can get more information about each of these roles by emailing the office! You can also contact the office if you are interested in reading during worship. Don't hesitate to ask questions about how any of these roles can be adapted to fit your situation. For example, you can partner with someone else to host coffee hour, provide financial support, or even just make or bring a few things! Mission, Membership, and Outreach is happy to help you get involved in whatever way works best for you!

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists .....Michael and Susan Barbour  
Fellowship Hour .....Ben Merchant

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.

Portions of today's liturgy were adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

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