

PARK CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Trinity Sunday*

**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
MAY 31, 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**

*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**

Adagio (Op. 4, No. 7)

Evaristo Felice Dall'Abaco

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Sandra Murphy, *harpsichord*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In reverence, in wonder, and in hope, we gather.

**With gratitude and questions in our hearts, we gather.**

With the mystery and love of God surrounding us, we gather.

**How wonderful is God's name in all the earth!**

**\*HYMN 1** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God,**

**you create us, call us,**

**and empower us for the work of love.**

**We confess that we often want certainty before  
responding with faithfulness.**

**We ask for guarantees before serving in obedience.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We want clarity before committing our hearts.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Give us the grace to place our trust in your love.  
Make us bold enough to let go of all  
that might bind us or hold us back  
from following your way. 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**

**Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God

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are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 25 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

### THE SECOND LESSON

John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the

Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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## SERMON

Elder Craig Williams

## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Simple Gifts

Michael Spencer, *baritone*; Dan Blumenthal, *violin*  
Traditional, arr. Aaron Copland

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn will be our delight, 'till by turning, turning, we come round right.*

## 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 298** Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \***BENEDICTION**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

**POSTLUDE**

Festival March

Norman Warren

*There will be a congregational meeting held after worship.  
All are welcome to attend!*

**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 May 31, 2026

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### Thursday, June 4

12:00 pm Staff meeting

### Sunday, June 7

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour



### Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a special congregational meeting to be held after worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and to authorize them to begin the process of seeking pastoral leadership.

### Sound Bath

The next sound bath will be Tuesday, June 16 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.

### Pride Month

Park Central will be participating in the Interfaith Pride Worship Service on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at All Saints Church, and all are welcome!

This year's Pride parade will be held on June 13, and we look forward to marching together as we celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ+ community!

We will hold our own Pride worship service on June 14.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgists ..... Susan and Michael Barbour  
Fellowship Hour..... Megan Hook and Beth Langley

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.

Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate  
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Sandra Murphy.....Music Director  
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