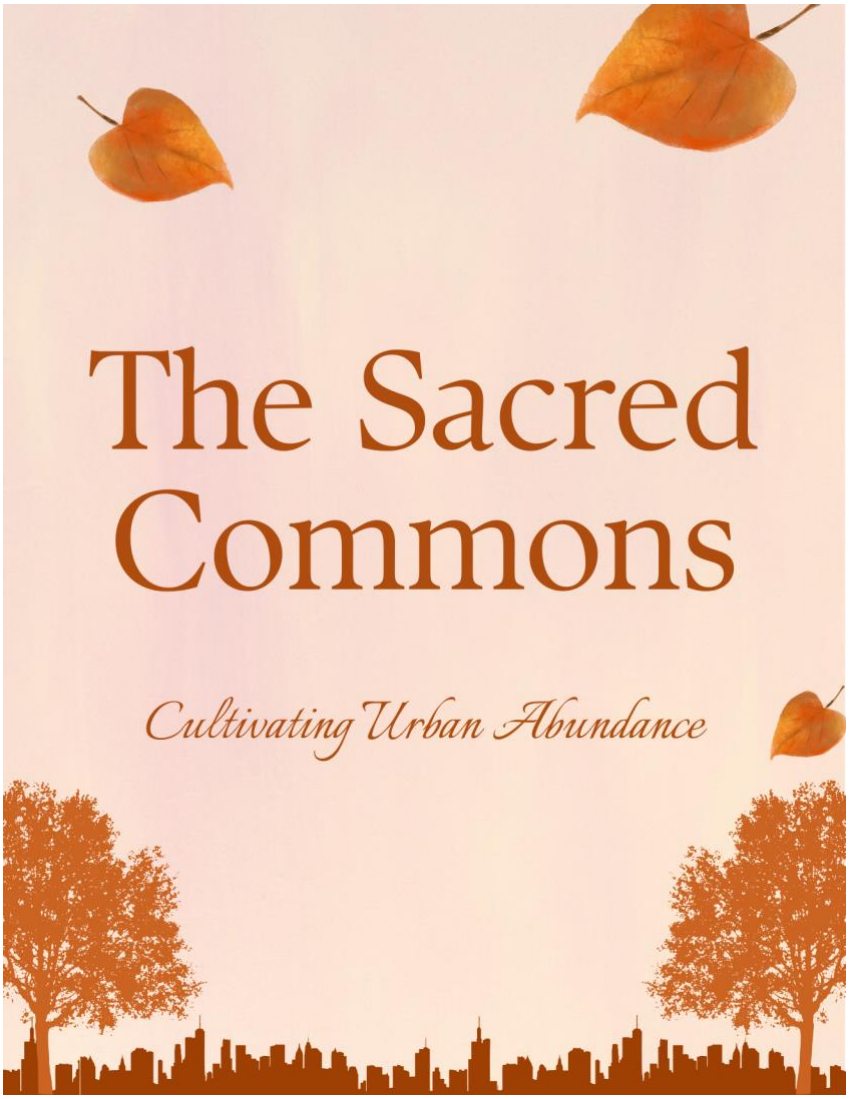
Park Central Presbyterian Church



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 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
Novemberwoods — Huw Morgan
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Out of many paths, we arrive in this sacred space.
We gather to worship, to listen, and to grow together.
We are called to love our neighbors, near and far,
and to seek justice in our communities.
Let us open our hearts to the stories, songs, and spirit of one another.
Come, let us worship God with joy!

***HYMN 361** O Christ, the Great Foundation — AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
forgive us for failing to love others
as you have loved us.
Forgive us for wasting your gifts
and hoarding your abundance.
Forgive us for plundering the earth
and abusing your creation.
Forgive us for fearing those who are strange to us
and ignoring those who are vulnerable or in need.
Forgive us for losing heart and abandoning hope.
Turn us once again to your ways
that we may be part of your justice, peace, and 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 Psalm 78:1-7

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter obscure sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds and might of God
and the wonders that God has done.

5 God established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which God commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep God's commandments.

Leader: This is the word of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 349** "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us WACHET AUF

The Second Lesson Matthew 25:1-13

1 "Then the realm of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to

meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Leader: This is the word of God.
All: **Thanks be to God**.

SERMON Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION Beth Langley, *contralto*
Just Over in the Glory Land J. W. Acuff & Emmett Dean

I've a home prepared where the saints abide, just over in the glory land;
And I long to be by my Savior's side, just over in the glory land.

Refrain:
Just over in the glory land, I'll join the happy angel band.
Just over in the glory land, just over in the glory land,
There with the mighty host I'll stand, just over in the glory land.

I am on my way to those mansions fair, just over in the glory land;
There to sing God's praise and His glory share, just over in the glory land. (Refrain)

What a joyful thought that my Lord I'll see, just over in the glory land;
And with kindred saved there forever be, just over in the glory land. (Refrain)

With the blood-washed throng I will shout and sing, just over in the glory land;
Glad hosannas to Christ, the Lord and King, just over in the glory land. (Refrain)

We Respond To God's Word

Invitation to Engagement Justin Vaught

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 772** Live into Hope TRURO

***Benediction**

Postlude

Allegro (from *Voluntary*) John Stanley

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!

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Announcements for November 8, 2026

Scan here to donate!

Monday, November 9
12:00 pm Scripture round table
Sunday, November 15
10:30 am Worship service
11:30 am Celebration lunch

Friendsgiving
We will be hosting our annual Friendsgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. If you are interested in volunteering on that Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday or donating food, please use the QR code below to sign up. We are also hosting a brief informational meeting after worship today.

Sound Bath
The next sound bath will be Tuesday, November 17 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.

Women's Crafting Time
The next women's crafting time will be held on Saturday, November 21 from 11-2. Bring a craft of any kind, (art supplies, a book, a puzzle, thread or yarn work, journaling, coloring book, etc.) whatever will help feed your soul while we gather together in the gathering hall. The goal is to have a safe space and time for some self care, relaxation, and community. Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack and to come and go during that time!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist..... Justin Vaught
Fellowship Hour .....the Jones and Langley families

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
Sarah McTyre……..……..……..…….Pastor
Sandra Murphy……..…….....Music Director
Kenneth Pfeffer……Building Manager
Briana Vaught……..……...Office and Communications Manager
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