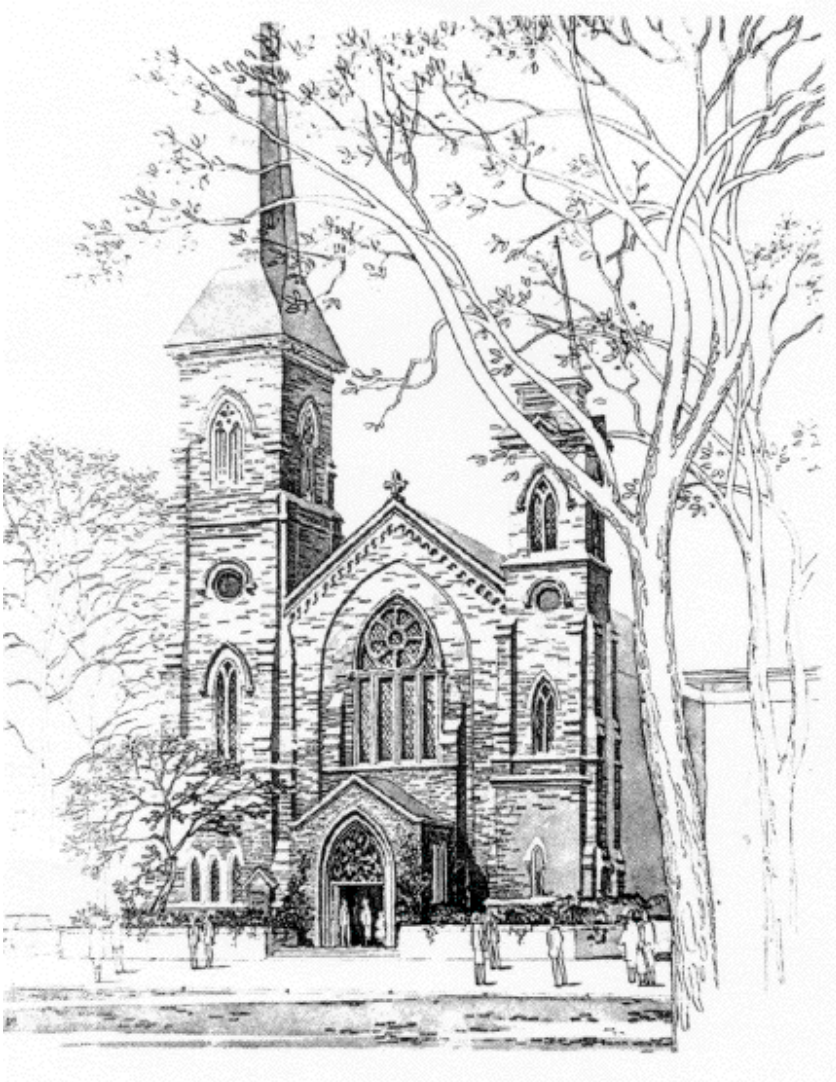


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 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

“Everlasting Love”

James Southbridge

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to this space where the ordinary is sanctified,
where the unexpected is to be expected,
**where diversity is celebrated,
and life is revered.**

Come into this space where perfect has no place,
where pain is not ignored and potential is recognized,
**where everybody is somebody,
and Jesus is Lord.**

Come into this place where God calls us in and sends us out,
where laughing and running are not hushed and stilled
but celebrated and delighted in.

Come and worship God.

***HYMN 251** Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious, loving and merciful God,
we confess that often we buy into what others tell us we are,
rather than remembering that we are your children,
wonderfully and fearfully made.**

**We let ourselves forget
that we are included in your family through Jesus Christ
and decide that we are alienated and alone.**

**Remind us that we are always called
to sit around your welcome table
and help us to extend that welcome to everyone we meet.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-10

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together God called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

This Is My Father's World

Beth Langley, *alto*
arr. Richard Walters

*This is my father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my father's world,
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise.
This is my father's world;
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my father's world,
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my father's world,
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:9-11

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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SERMON

It's All Water

Rev. Anne Russ, guest preacher

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus meant it when he said “Follow me.”

We believe that when worries and concern choke out our calm and leave us with anxiety and fear, Jesus offers his peace.

We believe that when life weighs us down with all its cares and burdens and concerns, Jesus lifts us up.

We believe that when we feel the effects of illness or aging on our bodies or minds, Jesus offers a healing touch.

We believe that when we are asked to go the extra mile, to be generous with our time and our presence, Jesus gives us strength.

We believe when we harbor old wounds, Jesus calls us to forgiveness.

We believe that when we are challenged to risk our security and grow in our faith, Jesus gives us courage.

We believe that even when we falter in our efforts to follow, Jesus never lets us go or leaves us behind.

We believe in the Creator God, the Risen Christ, and the ever-presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare for Organ”

Daniel Burton

*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.*

*Please rise in body or spirit

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Announcements for July 28, 2024

Thursday, August 1

5:00 pm Mission Study Team meeting

Sunday, August 4

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Church Cleanout

We will be renting a dumpster and cleaning out the church on August 9 and 10! Come one or both days, for as long or as short as you are able. There are jobs for all!

Syracuse Mets Game

We are purchasing a block of seats for the Syracuse Mets game on Saturday, August 24 at 6:35 pm! Please sign up in the Gathering Hall if you are interested in attending. The tickets cost the church \$15, but feel free to pay any amount, including \$0!

Block Party

Mark your calendars! This year's block party will be held on Saturday, September 14. Details to come!

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

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster
Fellowship Hour the Sapey family

Beloved.
Keep saying it
and though it may sound strange at first,
watch how it becomes part of you,
how it becomes you,
as if you never could have
known yourself anything else,
as if you could ever have been other than this:
Beloved.

~ Jan Richardson

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

Robert Allen.....Director of Arts and Technology
Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
Sandra Murphy.....Keyboard Musician
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**Please rise in body or spirit*

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