Park Central Presbyterian Church



Thanksgiving Sunday

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 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!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE
Arioso J. S. Bach, trans. Sam Franko
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*; Sandra Murphy, *organ*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.
You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
You crown the year with your bounty.
Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
Come! Let us worship God with thankful hearts.

***HYMN 643** Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Generous God, you entrust us with riches.
If we have eyes to see,
our days are overflowing with your abundant gifts.
Forgive us when we treat your grace as commonplace,
when awe is scarce and gratitude is meager.
Break our hearts open once more so that
we may recognize the abundance we hold
and live with open hands as your thankful people. Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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 65

[1] Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,
[2] O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
[3] When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
[4] Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

[5] By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
[6] By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
[7] You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
[8] Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

[9] You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
[10] You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
[11] You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
[12] The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;
[13] the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

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

***HYMN 5** God the Sculptor of the Mountains JENNINGS-HOUSTON

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart

enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which you have been called, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when God raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ at God's side in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made Christ the head over all things for the church, [23] which is Christ's body, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

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

SERMON Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION Megan Hook, *soprano*
Goodness of God — Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never failed me
And all my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
Oh, I have lived in the goodness of God
Chorus

Chorus:
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running
it keeps running after me
Chorus

**Please rise in body or spirit*

We Respond To God's Word

Installation of Church Officer
Elder: Tom Packard

Questions for Church Officer:
Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

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Questions for the Congregation:
Do we, the members of Park Central Presbyterian Church, accept the person before us as a ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for him and all of our ruling elders, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

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 37** Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE, arr. Lloyd Larson

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*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship Hour ..... Beth Langley and 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.

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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