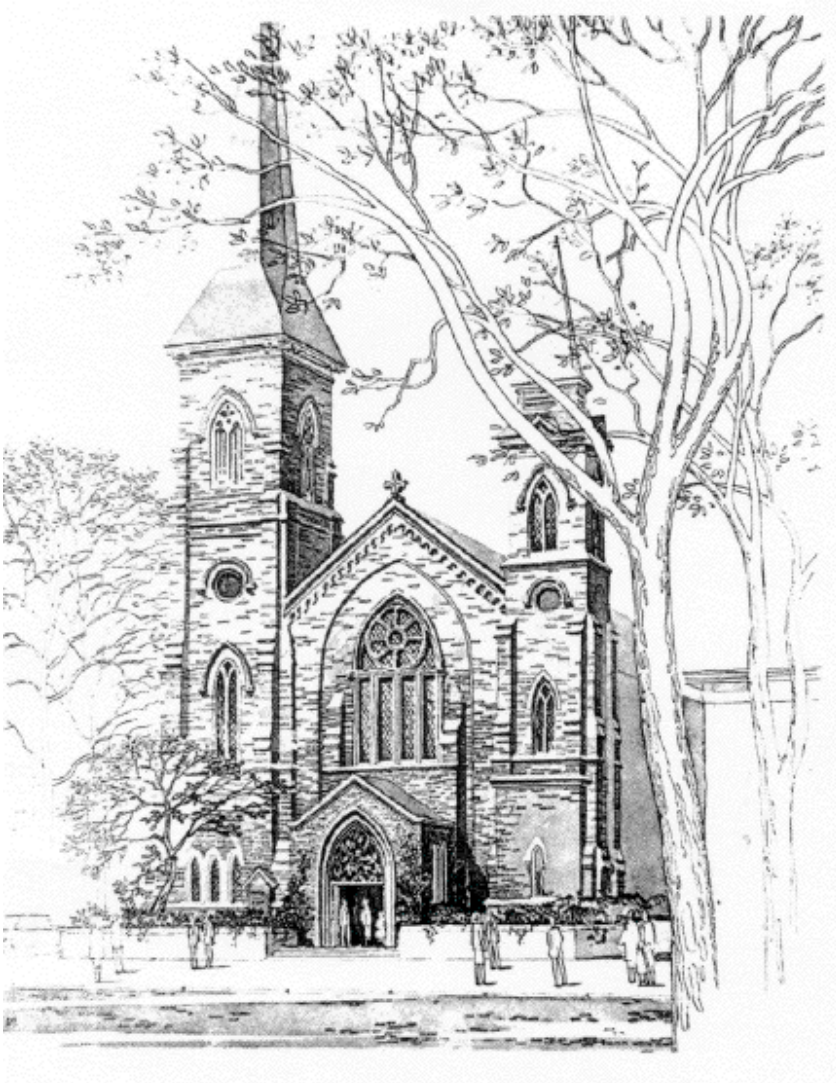


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 15, 2023 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

“Serenade”

Peter E. Lange-Müller
arr. Nicolaj Hansen

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

You have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

You have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that has no end.

***HYMN 303** Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You invite us to your feast, O God,
and we often choose not to come.**

**You invite us to give thanks for life,
and we fail in our thanksgiving.**

**Please rise in body or spirit*

10/15/23

pg. 2

**You have made for us a wonderful earth,
and we frequently neglect the gifts of your creation.
Forgive us for what we have done
and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.
Be our guide and conscience.
Turn our feet and hands to your will,
that all we do might give glory to you. 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

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O God, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

10/15/23

pg. 3

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the Most High will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ and will swallow up death forever.

Then God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and will take away the disgrace of God's people from all the earth,
for God has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for God, so that God might save us.
This is the Most High for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation."

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Zion's Walls

Robert Allen, *tenor*

Aaron Copland

*Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round, we'll shout and go round,
We'll shout and go round, we'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The realm of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent others, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ They went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And the guest was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer regions, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

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 437** Our Cities Cry to You, O God

SALVATION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Christ, the Sure Foundation”

Tom Birchwood

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.

Announcements for October 15, 2023

Wednesday, October 18

2:00 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach committee meeting

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

12:00 pm Training series

Friendsgiving

We will be hosting a Friendsgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day. We are in need of people to help with organizing; shopping and prepping beforehand; and prepping and cooking on Thanksgiving morning. After the community meal here at the church, we then deliver meals to people around the city. Please contact the office if you would like to take part in any way!

Save the Dates

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, December 2, all are invited to help decorate the Sanctuary and Gathering Hall for Advent and Christmas. We will work from around 10am until 12pm. There are jobs for everyone, so please come join in the fun!

On Sunday, December 17, we will hold the Household Closet Christmas Party after worship. We will collect new and gently used items for the household closet leading up to that date. You can wrap them yourself or let us wrap them for you! Then we will gather after worship for fellowship and present opening. Let the office know if you'd like to contribute to the party snacks!

Get Involved!

There are sign-up sheets at the Fayette St. entrance for greeters and Fellowship Hour hosts. If you are interested in reading during worship, please contact the office. Don't hesitate to ask questions about these roles. Another great idea is to partner with someone else to host Fellowship Hour!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Najwa Webster

Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.

~ I Corinthians 13:4-8

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

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
Kenneth Pfeffer.....Building Manager
Michael Sayles..... Finance Manager
Briana Vaught.....Office and Communications Manager

Church Office Phone: (315) 475-1677 • 504 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13202-1922

Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, M-Th

Church Office Email: office@parkcentralchurch.org

Website: www.parkcentralchurch.org • Facebook: Park Central Presbyterian Church

Instagram: [parkcentralsyr](https://www.instagram.com/parkcentralsyr) • TikTok: [parkcentralchurch](https://www.tiktok.com/@parkcentralchurch)