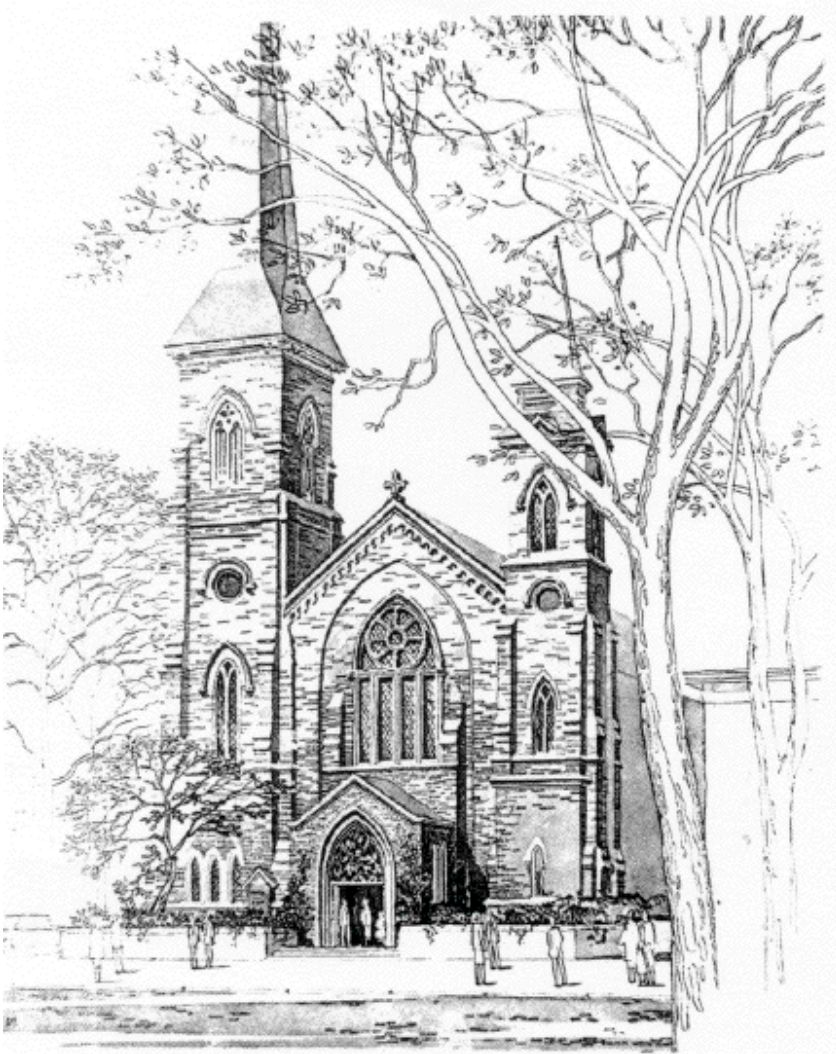


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 4, 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

“Be Thou My Vision” – traditional Irish melody
Sandra Murphy, *piano*

arr. Heather Sorenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Have we not known? Have we not heard?
Has it not been told to us since the beginning?
Those who wait for God shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.
Let us worship our God
who is great in strength and mighty in power.

***HYMN 390** O Savior, in This Quiet Place

ST. STEPHEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of hearts, torn apart by unkindness;
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**for the just repairing of the world, whose oppression condemns us;
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that will make us
swift to follow your ways. 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 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is God who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

**Please rise in body or spirit*

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when God blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
God who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because God is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Most High,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Most High is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
God does not faint or grow weary;
God’s understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ God gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for God shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Hast Thou Not Known?

Robert F. Swift

*Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard,
That the everlasting Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth,
Fainteth not, neither is weary.
There is no searching of his understanding.
He giveth power to the faint;
And to them that have no might he increases strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall:
But they that wait upon the Lord,
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
They shall walk, and not faint.
Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard?*

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah McTyre

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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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 414** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Douglas E. Wagner

*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 February 4, 2023

Monday, February 5

1:00 pm Mission, Membership, and Outreach Committee meeting

Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Bible study (virtual)

10:30 am Worship service

11:30 am Fellowship hour

Pilgrimage Presentation

Why do over 300 thousand pilgrims a year hike the Camino trail to Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain? Ever since Muffy and Baird Hansen spent a year living in Spain, they have wanted to hike the Camino trail. Last year they hiked “the French Way,” the most popular trail from Camino to Santiago. They would like to share their experiences with you during coffee hour on Sunday, February 11th. Buen Camino!

Ash Wednesday

Lent – the liturgical season of preparation before Easter – begins soon. We will begin the season of Lent by coming together for worship on the evening of Ash Wednesday (February 14) in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. This contemplative service of scripture, music, and prayer will include the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead.

Wednesdays in Lent

We will be holding Wednesday evening gatherings during Lent from February 21 until March 20. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 pm each Wednesday in a hybrid format. If you would like to participate on Zoom, please contact Sarah for the link. We will share a simple meal each week, and each session will stand alone. Please come on any week you can!

Sound Bath

Our next Sound Bath through Arts at Park will be held Monday, February 19, at 7pm. All are welcome to this relaxing and meditative event! More information can be found on the Arts at Park page on the church website.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LiturgistsMichael and Susan Barbour

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
~ *Psalm 42:1-2*

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's blog,
'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.

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

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Brigid Boyle..... Parish Associate
Sarah McTyre.....Pastor
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