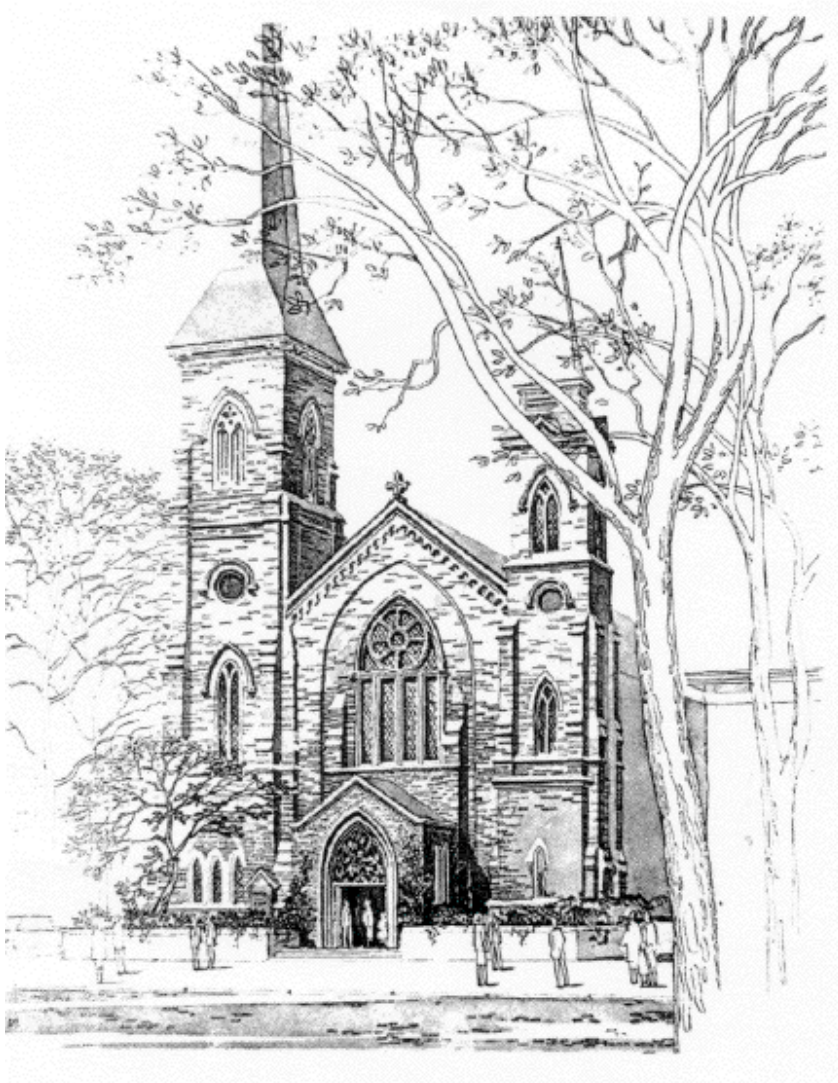


PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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FEBRUARY 5, 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

"Prayer"

Robert J. Powell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God!

Happy are those who delight in God's ways.

For our God is merciful and gracious.

Our God calls us to walk in justice and love.

Let us worship together with joy!

***HYMN 225** Praise the Lord!

LAUDATE PUERI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

we confess that we have asked for

your righteous judgment against others,

but we are slow to acknowledge the sin in our own lives.

We have worshiped you with our lips,

but have often dishonored you with our actions.

We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,

yet we often fail to practice compassion and generosity toward others.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**Forgive us, we pray.
Set us back on your way that our lives may shine
with the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA (#576)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

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 112:1-9

¹ Praise God!

Happy are those who are in awe of God,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ They rise in the nighttime as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

- ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.
- ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in God.
- ⁸ Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- ⁹ They have distributed freely; they have given to those who are poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Beatitudes

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Albert Hay Malotte

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the realm

of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the realm of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the realm of heaven.”

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SERMON *The Pivot from Blessing to Instruction*

Elder Anita Wagner

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 425** Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Praise God in His Holy Temple”

Steven Scott

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.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Fellowship HourBriana and Justin Vaught

Holy God,
open my eyes to see the world through your compassion.
Open my mind to understand the world through your wisdom.
Open my heart to receive the world through your love. Amen.

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

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