## PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday after Epiphany

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 19, 2025 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

"Andante Religioso"

Dan Blumenthal, *violin* Sandra Murphy, *piano* 

Eduard Rohde, Jr.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP
Wherever God is, love is.
Wherever God's love is, hope is.
Hope is here
because God is present.
Hope and love are God's essential transformative forces.
Let us worship with joy and intention
that we might fulfill God's dream for us and for the world.

### **\*HYMN 162** O Lord, Our God, How Excellent WINCHESTER OLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Holy God, we yearn to be a part of your beloved community. Our hearts are inspired by your vision of love and compassion.

\*Please rise in body or spirit

As we try to live as your people, we confess that we are easily distracted and lose our way. We become captive to our own desires and interests. We rely on our own capacity rather than leaning into and practicing your ways. Forgive us when we end up in despair or become overwhelmed. Remind us that your love and hope are more powerful than all the forces that oppose them. Help us to trust you with our lives. Make us ready for the work of your power within us. Form us so that this community may do your work of love and justice in Jesus' name. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYER

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

\*LIVE INTO HOPE

Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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

TRURO

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

<sup>1</sup>O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
<sup>4</sup>what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

 MUSICAL MEDITATION
 Michael Spencer, tenor

 Dan Blumenthal, violin and Sandra Murphy, piano

 The Gift of Love
 English Folk Melody, adapted: Hal Hopson

 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,

 But have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be given by love within, the profit soon is strangely thin.

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this worship, and are freed.* 

Psalm 8

### \*Please rise in body or spirit

## THE SECOND LESSON

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

SERMON Hope Is Here!

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

## THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

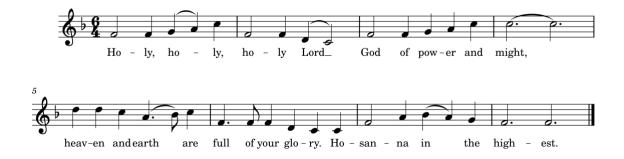
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

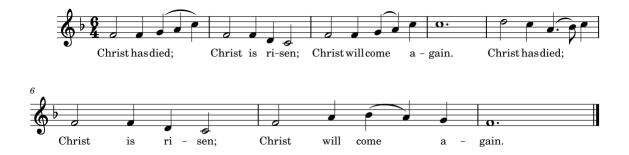
And also with you.
Open your hearts to the One who is Love.
We open our hearts to you, O God.
Let us give thanks to God who shapes our world.
For every creature and creation, we give you thanks, O God!

Romans 5:1-5

With gratitude, O God, we remember.... ... as we sing to the glory of your name:



Faithful God... .... Great is the mystery of faith:



By the power of the Holy Spirit... ... welcomed at your table and may find rest for their souls. **Amen.** 

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, our hearts are filled with gratitude for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it renew us and sustain us as we seek your ways. Until every life can be lived abundantly, be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.

**\*HYMN 265** Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

WAREHAM

**\*BENEDICTION** 

### POSTLUDE

"Pipings"

James Southbridge

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**

Greeters	Michael and Susan Barbour
Fellowship Hour	the Allen family

Hope is here to empower us to live life more fully.

~ Luther E. Smith, Jr.

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Call to Worship.

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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