

Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fishers of Men II by Cynthia McLean

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023 | 10:30am

Centered by our myriad and shared spiritual journeys toward God, we strengthen each other to practice love in action with hand and heart. We strive to be a nurturing center dedicated to demonstrating God's love to one another, our community and the world.

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church, a community where you belong. Whether you're with us for the first or thousandth time, whether you're in doubt or are devout, no matter who you are, what experience you bring, or what questions you have, you are welcome here. God welcomes us all.

Hearing assistance devices are available from the sound booth.

Bold signifies congregation participation.

*Rising as able

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Prelude

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles; Arr Roger House
Paul Falk, piano

Welcome

Louise Westfall

Gathering Music



The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas-es; God's
mer-cies nev-er come to an end. They are
new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing; great is your
faith-ful-ness; O Lord, great is your faith-ful-ness.

Call to Worship

Nick Bode

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

**To live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to behold God's beauty,
and to inquire in the Divine abode.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord who is our light and salvation!

*Hymn 314

Christ, Be Our Light

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, be our light; shine in the darkness
where we need illumination, wisdom, and truth.
Thank you for meeting us where we are and calling
us to step forward in faith. Strengthen us by your
living Spirit not only to see the light, but to be the
light. We pray in your name.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
and restored to new life!**

*Response



All those who are of ten-der heart, for -
giv-ing oth-ers take your part, sing God's prai-ses, Al-le - lu-ia!
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears, so
ev-en in the midst of tears, sing prai-ses, Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

*The Peace

Peace be with you all.

And also with you.

[Please greet one another with the peace of Christ]

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! x3
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Time with Younger Church

*[Children carry the light of Christ into the Chapel to
hear and engage the Bible Story.]*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Louise Westfall

Where the Light Is

Moments for Silence

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Green Prayer Request Cards and Welcome Cards are
located in the pew racks. Please put them and your
offering in the collection plates as they are passed.*

*To give via sms, please text "centraldenver"
(no spaces) to 73256. You will be asked to enter your
credit card info. Thank you for your gifts.*

Offertory

Mwayenera

Free Worship Malawi
Nebert Kamoto, soloist

Mwayenera

(You are worthy)

Mwayenera kulandira ulemu

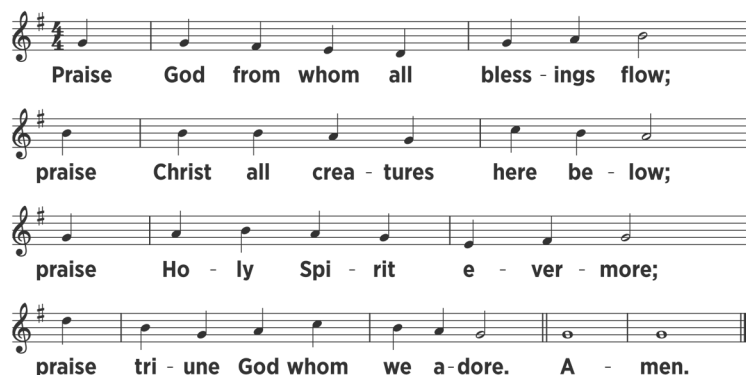
(You are worthy to receive honor)

Mwayenera Yehova

(You are worthy, Jehovah)

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayers of the Church

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.

*Hymn 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

His Name is Wonderful Audrey Mieir; Arr. Fred Bock
Paul Falk, piano

After worship, join the children's ministry as they paint ceramic bowls in preparation for "Souper Bowl Sunday," where the bowls will be auctioned off to raise funds for Metro Caring.



CFCU Session

Today after worship

East Classroom

Central Presbyterian has joined Colorado Faith Communities United Against Gun Violence (CFCU). This information session will explain CFCU's mission, strategies, opportunities within our community. www.cfcu-co.org

Chancel Choir

Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00pm

Choir Room

Rehearse with us on Wednesday, and sing on Sunday! We welcome all, regardless of ability or age. The Chancel Choir at Central is a great place to meet new friends, make music, and worship together. For more information, email Charis Smith, Music Director at charis@centraldenver.com.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 22 after worship

Sanctuary and Livestream

Central will hold its Annual Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 29. The meeting will be streamed live on Facebook and our website, where homebound members may interact in the stream chat. We will celebrate Central's 2022 ministries, facilitate transitions for outgoing and incoming officers, and enjoy a 2022 Highlights video. Childcare and Nursery will be available, and lunch will be provided.

Matthew 25 Vision and Invitation, From the Presbyterian Church (USA)

1) Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

2) Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

3) Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

We are glad to be worshipping with you today

and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Central Presbyterian Church.

Free Sunday Parking | 8:00am – 1:30pm

Key Park is located across the street, with its main entrance on 16th Avenue.

Wells Fargo Center Parking Garage. You must get a parking validation ticket from an usher. When exiting garage insert your entry ticket into the exit column followed by the parking validation ticket.

Elderly and differently-abled individuals may park in the three staff parking spaces and the three handicapped parking spaces in front of the church.

Online Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your offerings. www.centraldenver.com/give

Children in Worship

Central values having all generations worshipping together! All children are welcome in the worship space each and every Sunday. We enjoy and expect the joyful noises of children as they are a vibrant part of our faith community.

- Nursery Care for infants and toddlers is available from 9:30-11:45am
- Worship activity bags are available from our staff in the front east box seats in the Sanctuary. Children may remain in that area throughout the service, where staff will be present.

Contact Molly Brown at molly@centraldenver.com with questions or to be added to the Children, Youth and Families mailing list (weekly emails with events and more).

Join Us for Worship Online

For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream our morning worship service at 10:30am: centraldenver.com/livestream. *Those without internet access are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 1.339.207.6673 at the time of the service.*

Weekly Email Newsletter

The best way to stay informed about activities at Central is to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, which goes out every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Sign up at: www.centraldenver.com/contact

Ways to Connect

Serendipity Women's Group

Thursday, January 26 at 1:30pm

Serendipity is an informal group welcoming all women. Lynne Brown hosts this month's meeting at 2903 Champa St. RSVPs may be sent to lynnebrown001@gmail.com or 303.845.2496. Street parking is available. Friendship is our purpose, so please come! For more information, contact Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901.

Men's Night Out

Thursday, January 26 at 6:00pm

Gather for conversation, food and drink, with Central men of all ages. This month, John Vaughey hosts in the Sky Bar on the fifth floor of the Balfour at Riverside. Dress is casual, and parking is free! RSVPs must be sent to Jon Vaughey by Jan. 23 at john@vaugheyus.com or via text at 918.629.3867

Theology on Tap

Thursdays, 7:00pm

We get together at local breweries to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Pastor Louise to be added to the email list for locations.

Central Connections

Gatherings for couples and singles primarily in their 20's and 30's seeking connections in the city. Contact Pastor Louise to be added to the email list.

Equity Through Action: Now

Equity Through Action: Now (ETA:NOW) has been formed with the collaboration of members from People's Presbyterian Church. Those interested in signing up for ETA:NOW, may contact Marilyn Eaton (marilyneaton63@gmail.com) or Cindy Widdowson (solitaire601@comcast.net). We meet the second Thursday evening every other month, starting January 2023.

Women's Bible Study

2nd Thursdays, 10:00am

Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit centraldenver.com for access to the Zoom Link.

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