



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Awake My Soul by Mike Moyers

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024 | 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

English Suite III, BWV 808, Allemande J.S. Bach
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Louise Westfall

Gathering Music



Call to Worship (from Psalm 63)

Steve Davis

O God, you are my God; I see you, and my soul thirsts for you;

My soul thirsts for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live, and I will call on your name.

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

*Hymn 409

God Is Here!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we're grateful that whether we acknowledge your presence or not, you are here. You reach out to us in love again and again. We don't always discern your Word amid competing ones of class and culture. We are easily distracted and fail to listen for your still small voice. Forgive us, and open us to hear your message of grace and your call to us. Speak, Holy One, for your people are listening. . .

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

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

*Response



The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

[Please share signs of peace with one another]

**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

Molly Brown

[Children gather at the Table to take the light of Christ into the chapel for engagement with the Bible Story.]

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

How Does God Speak to Us?

Louise Westfall

Moments for Silence

Offering

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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck
Elizabeth Mirandi, soprano
John Seesholtz, dramatic baritone
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayers of the Church

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of compassion, **we offer these prayers to you.**

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Victor Labenske
Mallory Bernstein, piano

MEET AND GREET OUR CUBAN PARTNERS

Welcome Cuban pastor the Rev. Izett Sama Hernandez to Central at an open house this Wednesday, January 24, 5-7pm in the Narthex. Enjoy refreshments, conversation and learning about the vital mission of the churches in Cuba.

ANNUAL MEETING

Enjoy lunch following worship and our annual meeting on Sunday, January 28. We'll celebrate God's work accomplished last year, elect officers and approve the pastor's annual terms of call, watch a highlights video, and hear an important announcement from the Transition Team and Pastor Louise.

The nursery will be open providing children of all ages the opportunity to paint ceramic bowls. We will auction off these bowls on Feb 11 at our annual Soup-er Bowl of Caring.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CLASS

The 2024 Session of the Colorado General Assembly has begun. . . just 2 blocks from Central.

EVERYONE at Central can make their voice heard on the issue of gun violence prevention. Central is a member of Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence (CFCU) which provides resources to make it very easy to weigh in with legislators.

Come to the East Classroom at 11:45am on **Sunday, February 4th** to learn more OR contact Cheryl Fleetwood at (303) 877-0211 or cherylrfleetwood@gmail.com if you want to get the scoop, but can't attend on the 4th.

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 11th after Worship

We will share soups and stews and vote on your favorites plus bid on hand painted bowls (Central children and youth creations). Proceeds will benefit Metro Caring.

CHOIR IS BACK—PLEASE JOIN US!

Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7pm in the choir room. Whether you're interested in singing for a season or just one Sunday, we would love to have you!! For more info, email Charis Smith, Music Director: charis@centraldenver.com

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

The deadline for copy for the bulletin and the eVoice is 10am on Tuesday morning. Any submissions after this deadline will be featured in the following week's publication.



Ways to Connect

Serendipity Women's Group

February 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Serendipity meets monthly on the second Thursday and welcomes women of all generations. Louise Westfall hosts our February 8 get-together at her home. RSVP to louise@centraldenver.com. Building friendships is our purpose, so please come!

If you would like to host or co-host May-November, please contact Carol Farnsworth 720.838.5901 or carol.farnsworth@gmail.com.

Men's Night Out

January 25 at 6:00pm

John Vaughey will host our evening in the Sky Bar (on the fifth floor of the Balfour) in Lower Downtown; starting about 6:00PM. Please let John know if you'll be attending at john@vaugheyus.com - or text his cell, 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.

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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