



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Lenten Labyrinth by Mike Moyers*

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**February 25, 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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Prelude

*Prelude in C Major, op. 87*

Dimitri Shostakovich  
Mallory Bernstein, piano

### Welcome

Louise Westfall

### Gathering Music (seated) Hymn 314 v.1 and refrain

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

### Call to Worship (from Psalm 22) Patrick Malone

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who worship God.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek  
God shall praise the Holy One. May your hearts live  
forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
God; and all the families of the nations shall worship  
before God.

**For dominion belongs to God who rules over the  
nations.**

### \*Hymn 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**On some days, gracious God, it is easy to offer our  
hearts to you. Your love is life-giving. Your grace  
frees us from self-centeredness and blesses us with  
purpose and joy. We confess that other days it is  
difficult to believe and still more difficult to commit  
to follow Jesus even to the cross. Let the assurance  
of your love give us courage when we struggle, and  
resilience to go the distance. When the way is  
shadowed, help us see the light and move toward its  
Source.**

### Silent Prayer

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

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

### \*Response

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord (2x)  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;  
And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

## Time With Younger Church

*[Children gather at the Table and take the light of  
Christ into the Bible Story Chapel for listening and  
learning.]*

## Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Elders: Larry Armstrong, Jennifer Landrum, Patrick  
Malone, Catherine Nease

Deacons: Mary Halpin, Jennifer Levine

Scripture Reading (from I Corinthians 12)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit  
who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is  
the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but  
it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**Together we are the body of Christ, and  
individually members of it.**

Constitutional Questions to the candidates

Constitutional Questions to the congregation

Do we promise to accept these individuals as chosen  
by God through the voice of the congregation to  
lead us in the way of Christ and to show God's love?  
Do we? **We do.**

Will we accept their decisions, support them  
through prayer and friendship, and encourage them  
to serve Christ who alone is Head of the Church?  
Will we? **We will.**

Laying on of Hands and Ordaining/Installing Prayer

### \*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!**



## Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-37

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

*Towards a Wholehearted Faith (2): Commitment*  
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.*

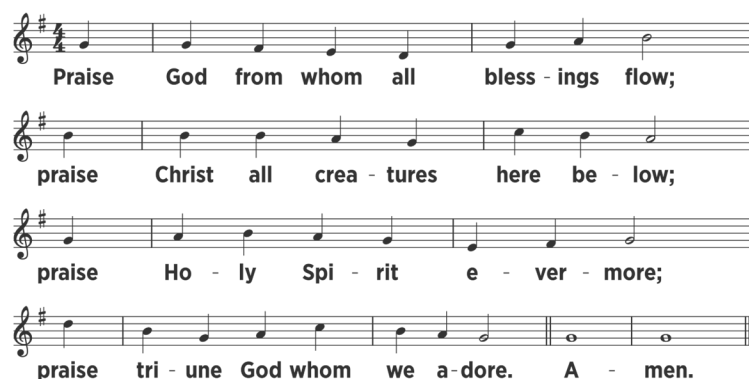
*To give via sms, please text "centraldenver" (no spaces) to 73256. You will be asked to enter your credit card info. Thank you for your gifts.*

## Offertory

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* J.S. Bach  
Kirsten Schatz, soprano, Leslie Soich, mezzo,  
Chris Wineman, tenor, Don Nease, baritone

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



## Prayers of the Church

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

God of compassion, **we offer our 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 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me ~*

## \*Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Victor Labenske  
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*~ indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member*

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

**We will receive this Special Offering  
on Sunday, March 17th.**

This offering supports 3 vital areas within PCUSA:  
Providing relief to those affected by natural disasters  
Providing food to the hungry  
Resourcing communities to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression.

Fish boxes are located in the Narthex to take home;  
make a Lenten practice of putting dollars in each day.

## Church Clean Up Day

It's time for a little spring cleaning! The Building and Property Committee invites you to help prepare our beautiful space for Easter celebration. Please come ready for fellowship and fun.

March 16th from 9:30AM—12:00PM.

## Central Men's Retreat Thursday, February 29th

Join us for a conversation about Legacy in the Church, in our families, and in our own lives. We'll convene at 6:00 PM for dinner, followed by a time of discussion led by Rev. Joseph Moore of the Presbyterian Foundation.

Contact Molly Brown [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) or Larry Armstrong [Larry@larrydarmstrong.com](mailto:Larry@larrydarmstrong.com) with questions. Cost is \$15 per person, including dinner. Scholarships available upon request.

## Central Women's Retreat Saturday, March 9th

10am – 4pm at Central with lunch  
Lynn Winterboer, Central member and Certified Coach focusing on identity and personal enablement will lead:

### *Honoring our God-given strengths*

Contact Molly Brown [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com) or Lynn [lynn@winterboer.net](mailto:lynn@winterboer.net) with questions. Cost is \$20 per person, including lunch. Scholarships available upon request.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

Serendipity meets March 14 at the home of Judy Jones, 1:30-3:30. RSVPs to 303.537.5528 or [judy6253@gmail.com](mailto:judy6253@gmail.com). Our monthly get-togethers welcome all women for conversation and friendship. For 2024 only one date seeking a host remains: November 14 (6:30-8:30). Thank you to all our volunteers! Contact Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901.

### Men's Night Out

Gather in participants' homes for conversation, food and drink, with Central men of all ages. Please contact Larry Armstrong 303.875.7808 or [Larry@larrydarmstrong.com](mailto:Larry@larrydarmstrong.com) for more information.

### 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](http://centraldenver.com) for access to the Zoom Link.

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