



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 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

*Processional Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

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Welcome and Announcements

Time With Younger Church

Hymn (seated) 188

Jesus Loves Me!

[Children may gather at the Table to hear and see the Bible Story.]

Jesus the King

(Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)

Lauren Berv

These are the stories of God's people for God's people.

Thanks be to God!

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

Scenes from Jesus' Passion

Call to Confession

Barabbas Tells His Story

John Seesholtz

...they kept crying out **Crucify Jesus! Crucify Jesus!**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, take hold of the good news:

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

*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!***

A Servant Girl Tells Her Story

Liza Smith

*Hymn 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Mary the Mother of Jesus Tells Her Story

Charis Smith

Moments for Silence

A Centurion Soldier Tells His Story

Jack Westfall

Prayer of Dedication

Lead us, O God, in the way of Jesus Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him. Help us love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In the power of your Spirit, give us hope to walk through the valley of the shadow of death toward the promised day of resurrection. Amen.

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.

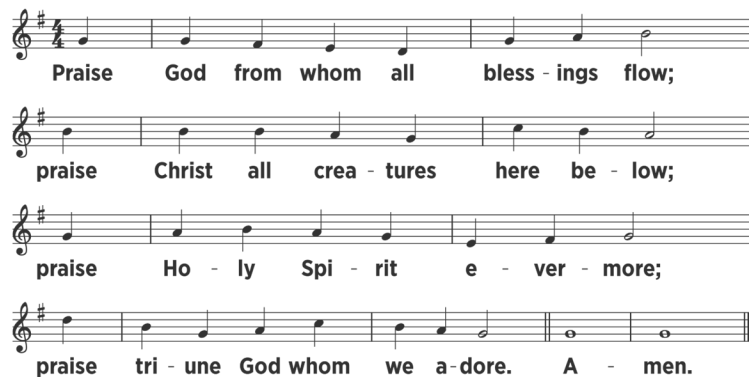
Offertory

Before the Dawn

Jason Krug
Central Presbyterian Handbell Choir
Lisa Philips, Director
Ron Covey, Ahna Smith, Charis Smith,
Jack Westfall, Louise Westfall

*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 221

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Bluebird's Autumn Flight

Matthew Prins
Lisa Phillips, Bell Tree

Resurrection Easter Cross

Central's beloved tradition of decorating a wooden cross with white flowers for Easter morning returns. Volunteers meet Saturday afternoon March 30 at 4 pm in Central's nursery to cut and prepare the flowers. On Easter morning, the cross will be in the sanctuary, so come at 8:30 am and help place the flowers on the cross. After flower prep Saturday afternoon, enjoy a casual, no-host dinner and one-another's company at Trattoria Stella (NE corner, Colfax & Steele) at 5pm.

Please let coordinator Jo Culbertson know of your participation, or to contribute to the Easter Cross flower fund, 303.861.9046 or jo@joculbertson.com.

Easter flower and card delivery

Thank you to all who are delivering Easter flowers and cards this week

Maundy Thursday Communion

We will gather for worship with Communion on Maundy Thursday in Collier Chapel off the Narthex, March 28, 7pm. "Maundy" is from the Latin root for commandment and refers to the "new commandment" Jesus gave his disciples to love one another through service. Please bring the nail you received on Ash Wednesday; there will also be nails available for use in worship.

Join us for worship on Easter Sunday

Easter worship celebrating resurrection and new life with special music (brass, organ and choir), and a message of hope. All are welcome.



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

Margaret Cubbon hosts April 11 at her home in Westminster, 1:30-3:30. Our monthly get-togethers are open to all women for friendship building, refreshments and conversation. RSVPs to cubmarg@gmail.com or 303.241.1410.

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 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 for access to the Zoom Link.

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