



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 15, 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

Vos Nunca te Fuiste de mi Corazón Patricia Caicedo
Elizabeth Healey, baritone
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Louise Westfall

Gathering Music

arr. Wil Smith



God be the love to search and keep me, God, be the prayer to
move my voice; God be the strength to now up-hold me;
O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Call to Worship

Patrick Malone

To you, God of creation, we sing a new song of praise.

A song of trees planted by streams of living water,

A song of mountains clapping their hands for joy,

A song of cities delighting in heavenly harmony,

A song of people who were lost and have been found.

**For the earth is the Lord's and we shall be glad in it.
Alleluia! Porque de Jehova es la tierra y nos
alegraremos en ella. Alleluia!**

*Hymn 594

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

*[The choir will sing through 1x; congregation joins to
sing again in English or Spanish]*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, only you know the truth of the burden which
each of us carries. We know that some of the
burdens which we wish to lay down can be picked
up by the gift and energy of others. Sometimes we**

**can be so supported by others that the things we
are carrying seem lighter. Sometimes we can
change our life in ways which bring new justice and
care. For other things, we have few answers, too
few resources in ourselves to bring in the changes,
or we simply fail in what we would hope to do or
be.**

***For this we grieve. For this we pray forgiveness.
For all, we pray for new ways to journey on in hope.***

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear these words, and receive their power: The love of God supports all that is. The mercy of God accepts our despair. The peace of God embraces us in communities of care. 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

Que la paz de Cristo esté con todos ustedes.

Y también con tu.

[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

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

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 3:17-19

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Always Rejoice in the Lord

Tirisa Martinez

-indicates a favorite hymn of a Central member.
Please submit your favorites to Pastor Louise for use in an upcoming service.

Moments for Silent Prayer

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

Come By Here

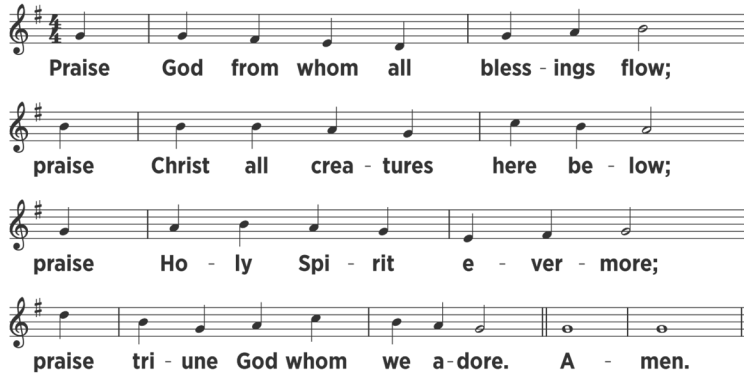
Kyle Pederson
Chris Wineman, soloist
Chancel Choir
Mallory Bernstein, piano

We are glad and grateful to welcome the Rev. Tirisa Martinez and Yosbeni Ochoa to Central today. Members of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba, they are active in the Presbytery of Havana/Central partnership. Please join Tirisa and Yosbeni following worship for a Faith Formation class on the Church in Cuba Today. Interested in participating in the next partner visit to Cuba June 2025? Please speak with Lisa Schmidt or Chris Primus.

Please support our Cuban partners and their humanitarian efforts on the ground in Cuba with a financial contribution.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all creatures here be low;
praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise tri-une God whom we adore. Amen.



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 765

May the God of Hope Go With Us
[Sing 2x in Spanish or English]

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

España: Capricho Catalán

Isaac Albéniz
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Journey With Migrants

The Journey with Migrants (JwM) Mission Partnership of Denver Presbytery is sponsoring a fundraiser to support its work which includes, food, rent, transportation, citizenship applications, and healthcare needs. Tickets are \$55 for the event, available in advance or at the door.

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 4-6 PM Montview Blvd.
Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia, St. Denver, CO

To purchase a ticket in advance, copy and paste the link below into your browser, or use the QR Code.

<https://denpres.org/events/2024/9/28/journey-with-migrants-mission-partnership-fundraiser>



Upcoming Faith Formation Classes

September 22nd and 29th

11:45 am in the East Classroom

What does it mean to build beloved community?
These workshops explore building community in Central's downtown environment led by staff from The Circle (www.thecircleaj.com). The Circle creates healthy, sustainable cultures of belonging through arts, storytelling, and community. The workshops culminate in designing our Worship service here at Central on October 6.

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 in the Narthex.

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 6:30pm. 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

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, meets October 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Gina Batali -Brooks' home in Denver's LoHi neighborhood. Come for conversation, refreshments and friendship building. RSVPs to gina@isinspired.com. Please DO NOT USE "REPLY ALL." Carpooling is essential; street parking is available but can be scarce.

Monthly meetings are on the second Thursdays. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting, contact Carol Farnsworth, carol.farnsworth@gmail.com or 720.838.5901.

Men's Night Out

Mark Williams will be hosting Men's Night Out on September 26th at 6:00pm. Hope to have an outdoor cookout with burgers and brats (provided) and sides from my Central brothers. Address is: 7628 Pineridge Terrace, Castle Pines, CO 80108 Please RSVP to me at mark.williams833@gmail.com and let me know if you can come and what you can bring.

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, beginning September 12th Via Zoom

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

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