



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Concert, 1623 by Gerrit van Honthorst

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 8, 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

Laudatio

Bernhard Krol
Lee Cyphers, French Horn

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 (from Psalm 146) Catherine Nease

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O people!

Let us praise God as long as we live; let us sing praises to God throughout our whole lives.

Do not put your trust in earthly rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is in God, whose hope is in the God who made heaven and earth; who keeps faith forever.

God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

God watches over strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow. Let us praise the God of our salvation!

*Hymn 35 ~

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

A Litany of Gifts (from Romans 12)

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word, **speaking it out in faith.**

If your gift is service, **do it joyfully.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher, **teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

Let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve, do so gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit, **serving God, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

Silent Prayer

In silence, we rededicate ourselves to sharing our gifts for the healing and restoration of our families, communities, and world.

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 tender heart, for -
giving others 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

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

Micah 6:6-8; Mark 10:13-16

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

Sermon

Louise Westfall

*Mixing Politics and Religion:
Towards A New Moral Vision*

Moments for Silent Prayer

Witness

Invitation to Sing!

Jack Westfall

Charis Smith

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

Intermezzo, Op. 35 No. 11

Rheinhold Gliere
Lee Cyphers, French Horn
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise Christ all crea - tures here be - low;
praise Ho - ly Spi - rit e - ver - more;
praise tri - une God whom we a - dore. A - men.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Nursery children will join us for Communion and are welcome to share the elements.

Invitation

Communion Hymn 501 (seated)

Feed Us, Lord

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

[Please come forward down both aisles to receive. The bread is baked with wine, so provides both elements. Please raise a hand if you prefer to be served in your seat. Gluten-free elements are available on the Table]

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Mark Hayes
Mallory Bernstein, piano

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

CHOIR IS BACK!!

Join us on **Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00pm** in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor for treats and tunes.

We have many exciting things this year, including a world premiere, collaboration with a sister choir and special guests throughout the year. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share and . . . **SEE YOU THERE!!**

WELCOME OUR CUBAN PARTNERS

Thursday, September 12th, 7-8:30pm
Theology on Tap at Bierstadt Lagerhaus, 2875 Blake St.

Friday, September 13th, 5:30-7:30pm
Welcome reception/fundraiser in the Narthex

Sunday, September 15th, 10:30am
Rev. Tirisay Martinez will preach

Sunday, September 15th, Noon
Tirisay and Yosbeni Ochoa will lead a Faith Formation class on *The Church in Cuba Today*

Sunday, September 15th, 1:00pm
Youth Event with Central and Wellshire young people

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

Sherry Kenney hosts the next get-together September 12th, 6:30-8:30pm, at her home in The Waterford, 1900 E. Girard Pl., #600, Englewood, near University and Hampden. There is plenty of parking on the street or in front of the building. RSVPs to 303.523.1936 or clumom49@gmail.com.

Serendipity meets monthly on the second Thursday and welcomes all women to enjoy conversation, refreshments and friendship. Upcoming Serendipity dates include October 10 at the home of Gina Batali-Brooks, November 14 at Mary Halpin's home, and December 12. If you would like to host or co-host in December, please contact Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901 or carol.farnsworth@gmail.com.

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.

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