



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



All Saints Day by Wassily Kandinsky

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 3, 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

In Memory H.H.L.

Dan Locklair
David Vogels, organ

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

Mark Williams

Created in the image of God, I choose to join with others as God's gathered.

We are the body gathered—beautiful, powerful, holy bodies.

These bodies hold tightly and tenderly the complexities of being:

Attractions, peeves, passions, scars, successes, traumas, desires. . .

Heartbreak, intentions, rage, rapture, miscues, magnificence, doubt, contradictions, courage.

Beautiful and complicated creatures seeking and being sought,

Committed and compelled humans navigating the complexities of the world,

People loved beyond imagination by the One who summons us forth.

*Hymn 726

The Summons

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have lost our way. We have turned and been turned away from God's intentions and hopes for humanity. We have brought pain upon our individual bodies, your body, our bodies. You weep with and for us: for our denial, for our lack of empathy, for all the ways we ignore the truth that you know us, see us and love us all. Forgive and heal us, Holy One: in mind, in body, in gut, in heart, in spirit; through grace offered and grace accepted.

Silent Prayer

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 -
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

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

Matthew 4:18-22; Romans 12:9-21

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

Sermon *Choosing to Follow What Is Good*
Bruce Reyes-Chow

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

In Remembrance

Jeffery L. Ames
The Chancel Choir
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 Feast of God's People

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

God of compassion, **we offer our prayers to 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy. . . .

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

Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us as we remember those who have died this past year: Audrey Watters. . . Edna Sheldon. . . Bob Johnson. . . Maryann Davidson. . . Other beloveds who have died. . . In life and in death we belong to you. Keep us in communion with you and all the saints, until that great day when sorrow and sighing and death shall be no more, and earth and heaven are one. We pray in the name of Jesus and the Kin-dom for which he came:

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

The children will join us for Communion.

*Hymn 326

For All The Saints

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Postlude: Sine Nomine

Paul Leddington Wright
David Vogels, organ

Some of the language in today's service is drawn from Bruce's "Faith Montage" [Everything Good About God Is True, pp. 177-193] to invite personal consideration of our deepest truths.

Presbyterian pastor, podcaster, bestselling author, and former Presbyterian General Assembly moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow joins us today to preach and lead a class on developing a personal faith statement. You may know what you DON'T believe, but can you affirm what you DO believe? Copies of his book, *Everything Good about God Is True* is available for purchase (and signing); every book purchase reduces the cost of this wonderful learning opportunity.

On The Horizon

*Have you made a plan to vote? Drop boxes and in-person polling places are available through election day.

*Have you made a plan to pledge financial support for Central's mission and ministries? You can make your pledge online or return a card available in the narthex/lobby.

*Mark your calendar for worship on November 17, Celebration of Mission, and lunch immediately following with Heartbeat Denver Working Men's Shelter Program men.

Purple Door Coffee and Dry Bones Info Session:
Sunday, November 10, noon–1pm
at Purple Door Coffee

Are you eager to learn more about the social enterprise behind the amazing caffeinated aromas in our building? Meet in Purple Door Coffee after Worship to grab a drink and snack. We will listen and learn from Matt Wallace, Executive Director of Dry Bones Coffee, followed by question and answer time.

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's next get-together is November 14, hosted by Mary Halpin in her Sloan's Lake home. We meet 6:30-8:30pm for friendship building and refreshments. RSVPs to Mary at 410.409.7472 or halpinmb@gmail.com. Debbie Stevenson hosts December 12. For more info, contact coordinator Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901 or carol.farnsworth@gmail.com.

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, beginning September 12th Via Zoom

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

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