



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 27, 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

Intermezzo, Opus 117, No. 1

Johannes Brahms
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

(adapted from Newell and Hammarskjöld)

Jennifer Landrum

For the life that was in the beginning and is now,
thanks be to you, O God.

For the life that is now and will always be, thanks be to you, O God.

For those who have gone before us, the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us now, and for those people yet to be, thanks be to you, O God.

In the great river of life continually flowing behind and before us, let us know that we are carried by you.

For all that has been, thanks!

For all that will be, yes!

*Hymn 687

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we worship you and welcome the light that awakens and the breath that sustains. Thank you for your faithful presence in all the times and seasons of our lives. Forgive us when we forget your guiding hand in the past, and when we grow fearful

of an unknown future. Draw us closer to the heart of life, the glowing heart of love that is you. Set us free by that love; set us free that we may love: you, our neighbors and ourselves.

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 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

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!

Time With Younger Church

Lauren Berv

[Children gather at the Table and take the light of Christ into the Bible Story Chapel engagement with the story of The Promised Land.]

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-5, 19

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

Sermon

Reformation: The Constancy of Change

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.

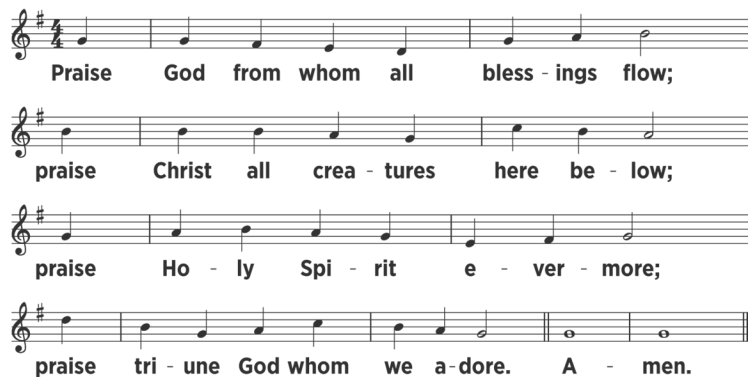
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Offertory

The Storm Is Passing Over arr. Barbara Baker
The Chancel Choir
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.

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 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God/Siyahamba
1st time: English, 2nd time: Zulu/Xhosa

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Song of Faith Johann Kuhnau
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Today After Worship

If you're ready to take another step into the Central community, please join Pastor Louise and other leaders for lunch and info about our mission and ministries following worship in the narthex lobby.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Peace and Global Witness offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We received \$1,130. A portion of that will support our Cuban mission partners and the congregations they serve.

Faith Formation Classes

TODAY at 11:45am in the East Classroom

Join the Rev. Ron LaRocque in the final class discussion of Tim Alberta's bestselling book, *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism*. You don't need to have attended the other classes to participate; Ron will help us explore faithful responses to Christian Nationalism as we draw near the consequential presidential election and its aftermath....no matter who wins.

Next Sunday

Presbyterian pastor, podcaster, bestselling author, and former Presbyterian General Assembly moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow will preach in worship and following worship, will 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* are available for purchase (and signing); every book purchase reduces the cost of this wonderful learning opportunity.

On this Sunday closest to All-Saints, we will celebrate Communion, and remember with gratitude the lives of Central saints and other beloveds who died last year.

On The Horizon

*Have you made a plan to vote? The deadline for mailed ballots is tomorrow (10/28). 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.

The choir has made its annual donation to the **Denver Black Reparations Council**, representing music we have sung in worship appropriated from Black communities, composers, and musicians whose work was unacknowledged and for which they received no compensation. This is a voluntary contribution from Central's choir and does not draw from any church funds.

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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