



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Mississippi Freedom Marcher, Washington, D.C. by Roy DeCarva

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025 | 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

Adoration

Florence Price
Kimber Smith, organ

Welcome

Louise Westfall

Call to Order

Gathering Music



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

Anne Bond

Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments like the great deep; you save
humans and animals alike, O God.**

How precious is your steadfast love! All people may
take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house, and you
give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see
light.

**O continue your steadfast love and your salvation to
your people!**

*Hymn 687~

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Robert (Bob) Johnson (1936-2024)

I John 4:7-12

Tribute from Hugh Brown

Prayers

*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

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:23-30

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

Sermon

Louise Westfall
Into the Future (3): The Gift of Courage

Moments for Silence

Witness *Fire + Light Campaign* Chris Wineman

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.*

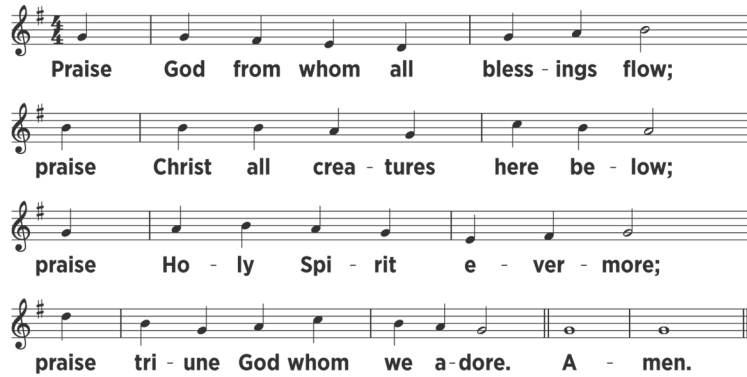
Offertory

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood
The Combined choirs of Peoples and
Central Presbyterian Churches
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.

Ritual for the ending of a pastoral relationship

Introduction Clerk of Session John Ferguson

The Rev. Lynn Bell, Denver Presbytery representative

Words of Gratitude

Louise Westfall

Motion and second to dissolve the pastoral relationship

Prayer of Blessing

Gracious God, through the ages women and men have been called to witness to your love and to give evidence of your kindness to your people. We honor your servant, Pastor Louise, today. Your church has been enriched by her wisdom, energy, sensitivity, her love of your Word, and her obedience to your Spirit. Your strength has been made evident in her weaknesses. Your forgiveness has been illustrated in her failures. Your power has been visible in her strengths and virtues. Her life has unveiled your splendor for people to see your work in the lives of your servants. For your presence in her life and ministry, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration and prayer

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.

Adjournment

*Hymn 339 ~

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Bread of Heaven

William B. Cooper
Kimber Smith, organ

NEXT SUNDAY: FAREWELL TO PASTOR LOUISE

Join us for Louise's final Sunday as Central's pastor, and the premiere performance of *THIS IS THE DAY*, a cantata commissioned in honor of her 45 years of pastoral ministry, and directed with full orchestra by the composer, M. Roger Holland II. Following worship, all are invited to lunch in the narthex, with time to celebrate, share stories and offer our blessings for her retirement.

Heartbeat Denver Working Men's Shelter

Heartbeat Denver Working Men's Shelter is celebrating its 2nd anniversary! Join us for an Open House on Saturday, February 1st, from 10am—4pm. Refreshments will be served and 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 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 February 13 at the home of Carol Farnsworth, 1:30-3:30 pm. All women are welcome for conversation and refreshments. RSVPs to carol.farnsworth@gmail.com or 720.838.5901.

Men's Night Out

John Vaughey will host on Thursday, January 23 at 5:30pm (please note time change) at the Balfour at Riverfront in downtown Denver. Parking is free; tipping for parking is not allowed. Dress is casual and The Balfour will provide food and beverages. Upon arrival, ask the concierge for directions to the Sky Bar for Central Men's Night Out. Please RSVP to John at john@vaugheyus.com, or text to 918-629-3867.

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.

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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