



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY** **FEBRUARY 9, 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

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Prelude

*The Swan*

Camille Saint-Saëns  
Katie Burns, cello  
Mallory Bernstein, piano

### Welcome

Tim Mooney

### 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

Cheryl Fleetwood

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.

**Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**And the Peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

### \*Hymn 401

*Gather Us In*

### Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend, we are in awe of the mystery that is you: embodied and transcendent; in each moment and eternal; earthly and heavenly; hidden and light. Forgive us, Holy One, when we try to contain you to fit our needs and purposes. Forgive us for reinforcing images that limit your glory and transfiguring love. Open the eyes of our hearts to see you anew and worship you in spirit and in truth.**

## 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 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

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

## Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Kristin Staudt

**Hymn 314** (seated)  
*Christ Be Our Light*

**Scripture Reading**

Galatians 3:23-29 and I John 4:7-8

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

**Sermon**

Tim Mooney

*Who Am I, Who Are You, Who Are We?*

**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**

*Salut d'Amour*

Edward Elgar  
Katie Burns, cello  
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 726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Cindy Berry  
Mallory Bernstein, piano

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**TODAY:  
STAY FOR THE SOUPER BOWL**

Join us in the Narthex and vote on your favorite soup/ chili and bid on dishes made by Central kids!

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Lent begins Wednesday, March 5. If you are interested in hosting a Lenten study at your home, please contact [molly@centraldenver.com](mailto:molly@centraldenver.com)

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Chancel Choir resumes Wednesday, February 19th from 7pm-8:30pm. Join us as we prepare for the season of Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter.

All are welcome!! For more information, email [charis@centraldenver.com](mailto:charis@centraldenver.com).

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**We're going to CUBA!**

Over the past several years, members of Central have visited our brothers and sisters in Cuba. In early 2024, we established a formal partnership with the Presbytery of Havana. This summer, we will again be visiting the country. We invite members and friends of all ages to join us in visiting congregations in the presbytery, and especially youth and young adults to participate in a program at the Presbyterian Camp (CANIP) in Santa Clara. Please contact Lisa Schmidt or Chris Primus [schmprim@gmail.com](mailto:schmprim@gmail.com), or 720-314-8797.

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 open to all women, meets Thursday, February 13 at the home of Carol Farnsworth, 2-4 pm. **Please note change of time.** Our agenda is simple--conversation and refreshments. RSVPs to [carol.farnsworth@gmail.com](mailto:carol.farnsworth@gmail.com) or 720.838.5901.

### Men's Night Out

Men's Night Out will be one week earlier than usual with a meeting on February 20, with the same start time of 6PM. The gathering for dinner will be at the home of Hugh Brown, close to downtown. Please RSVP to Hugh at 303-845-3495 or [hughbrown4@gmail.com](mailto:hughbrown4@gmail.com).

### Theology on Tap

#### Thursdays, 7:00pm

We get together at local breweries to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Josh Trimble ([trimjosh@gmail.com](mailto:trimjosh@gmail.com)) 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](http://centraldenver.com) for access to the Zoom Link.

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