

The Transfiguration from Church of the Savior, Wheaton, IL

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD MARCH 2, 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

Peasants' March from Lyric Pieces, op. 54

Edvard Grieg

Joshua Sawicki, piano

Welcome

Tim Mooney

Gathering Music



Call to Worship

Adam Brown

Holy One, you are here with us!

May we awake in these moments to your constant Presence.

Holy One, you have called us by name!

May we know in our hearts we are yours forever.

Holy One, you have poured out your Spirit on all flesh!

May we see that we are all brothers and sisters, a kindom of love.

Holy One, you have made us one!

May we practice our oneness with love, forgiveness, peace, justice, and joy!

*Hymn 463

How Firm A Foundation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we find ourselves in a dilemma. We desire to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. And then we don't. Not all the time, of course, but enough to trouble us. We know we are human, we are imperfect, and in a minute's time we can swing from being so full of ourselves to wallowing in self-hatred. We don't know how You do it, but You love us and this crazy world we live in, and we find ourselves grateful once again as your forgiveness and grace fills us to the brim, and overflows in love for others.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

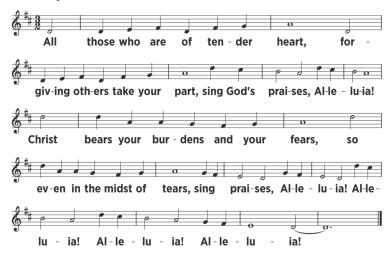
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. God leads me beside still waters, and restores my soul.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long!

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored to new life!

*Response



*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

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 Second Reading: Matthew 17:1-8

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Day By Day

Moments for Silence

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Stephen Schwartz

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

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Allen Pote The Chancel Choir Joshua Sawicki, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Hymn 525 (seated)

Let Us Break Bread Together

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 and cup. 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 716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Notturno from Lyric Pieces, op. 54 Edvard Grieg Joshua Sawicki, piano

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE MARCH 5th, 6:00PM

Join us at Central THIS WEDNESDAY for an Ash Wednesday service. Rev. Tim Mooney will lead a time for meditation and reflection in the sanctuary as we begin the Lenten Season.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CUBA MISSION TRIP!

This July 14-21, we will again be visiting Cuba. 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. The registration deadline is March 24, 2025.

Please contact Lisa Schmidt or Chris Primus schmprim@gmail.com, or 720-314-8797.



We are glad to be worshiping 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 worshiping 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, an informal group open to all women, meets on the second Thursday of the month for conversation and refreshments. The March 13 and April 10 meetings will be 1:30-3:30pm. If you would like to host, contact Carol Farnsworth at carol.farnsworth@gmail.com or 720.838.5901.

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 Josh Trimble (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 for access to the Zoom Link.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Choir Room Come and sing! We would love to have you join us! Singers of all experience levels and ages are welcome. Email Charis Smith, Director of Music, for more info or just come on Wednesday! charis@centraldenver.com

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