



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 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

Sonata in C Major, KV 330
II: Andante Cantabile

W.A. Mozart
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Tim Mooney

Gathering Music (seated) Hymn 314 v.1 and refrain

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Call to Worship

Chris Primus

In the wilderness, the Israelites were dying for water,

Moses struck the rock, and God quenched their thirst.

God makes us lie down in green pastures,

And leads us beside still waters; God restores our souls.

As a deer for flowing water longs, so my soul, O God, longs for you.

Let us worship God, who satisfies the heart's thirst.

*Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, scripture is one-story-after-another telling us you feed us when hungry, you quench our souls when we thirst. And though you "lead us beside still waters," we often find: You cannot make us drink. We are a mystery to ourselves, O God, refusing the waters of grace, to hold onto our grudges, fears, and resentments. Forgive us, and lead us again-and-again to the water of life, and remind us of the times we drank fully of your grace, and were blessed.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Assurance of Forgiveness

Those who drink of the water that Christ gives will never be thirsty.

The water that Christ gives will become in us a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Friends, believe the good news:

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

*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

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Reading: John 4:5-29

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

Sermon

Living Water

Tim Mooney

Moments for Silence

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Elders: Hugh Brown, Bruce Heagstedt, Jennifer Landrum and Chris Primus

Deacons: Emily Nease, Gene Ross

Scripture Reading (from I Corinthians 12)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Constitutional Questions to the candidates

Constitutional Questions to the congregation

Do we promise to accept these individuals as chosen by God through the voice of the congregation to lead us in the way of Christ and to show God's love? Do we? **We do.**

Will we accept their decisions, support them through prayer and friendship, and encourage them to serve Christ who alone is Head of the Church? Will we? **We will.**

Laying on of Hands

Ordaining/Installing Prayer

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

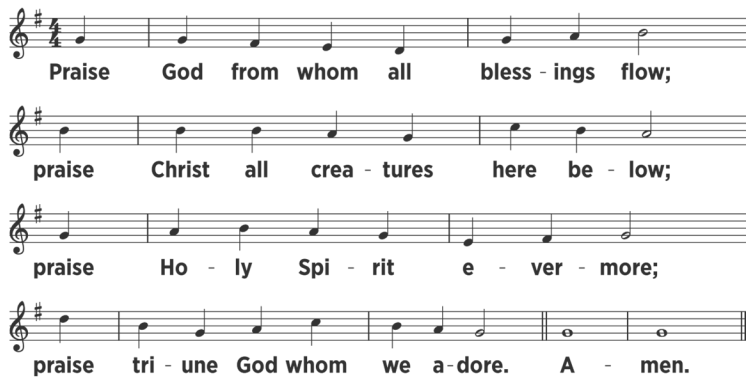
Jesu, Meine Freude J.S. Bach
The Quartet: Elizabeth Healy, Terrence McKenzie, Leslie Soich, Levi Spanarella with The Chancel Choir

Vanish, spirits of gloom,
for my joyful master,
Jesus, enters in.
For those who love God
even their grief
Must become pure delight.
Here I may have scorn
and derision,
but even in the midst of
suffering you remain,
Jesus, my joy.

Jesus, my joy,
My heart's pasture,
Jesus my treasure!
Ah, how long, ah long
has my heart suffered
And longed for you!
God's lamb,
My bridegroom,
besides you on earth
nothing shall be
Dearer to me.

*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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin
The Chancel Choir
Mallory Bernstein, piano

ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately following worship on Sunday, March 30, gather for our Annual Meeting in the Narthex; lunch will be provided. Join us as we give thanks for God's work at Central in 2024 and look forward to God's continued guidance as a congregation in the year to come.

The nursery will remain open during the meeting.

GIVING UP GUN VIOLENCE— LENTEN FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Join Central's Gun Violence Prevention Team for a 6 series class after Worship in the East Classroom. We will explore data about gun violence, placing it in a Christian context. How are we called to impact the explosive and reverberating effects of gun violence in our communities?

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 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 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

If you are interested in hosting future get-togethers on second Thursdays, please contact Carol Farnsworth, 720.838.5901 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 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! 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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