



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 23, 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 for Cello and Piano No. 3 in A Major, Mvmt I
Ludwig van Beethoven
Katie Burns, cello
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

Liza Smith

To all who are weary and heavy laden,

Gather around the One who gives us rest.

To all who seek, ask, and knock,

Take on the yoke of Christ, and learn from him.

To all who yearn for rest for their souls,

Christ is gentle and humble in heart, his yoke is easy, his burden is light. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 839

Blessed Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, in stressful and frightening situations, often in every-day life, we freeze. We lose our ability to respond. At times this is helpful, but most often it feels like we've abdicated our freedom to choose. Forgive us, heal us of our paralysis. Help us be responsive and response-able, choosing to move toward more love.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Assurance of Forgiveness

God is compassionate and gracious,

God is slow to anger, and abundant in mercy.

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!**

Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

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

Sermon

Raise the Roof

Tim Mooney

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.

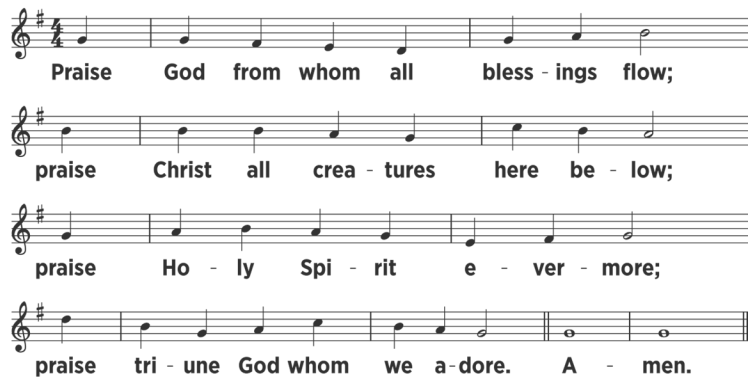
Offertory

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

arr. Heather Sorenson
The Chancel Choir
Katie Burns, cello
Mallory Bernstein, piano

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all creatures 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 697

Take My Life and Let it Be

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Amazing Grace

John Newton
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Long-time member **Gail Fisher**, died peacefully in her home at Park Place on Friday March 14th, surrounded by her family. Gail had celebrated her 90th birthday in December. Gail, and her late husband Ed (2010), were active members at Central since the mid 1980's, and Gail served as a Deacon. Gail founded Cherry Creek Travel Agency, helping many Central families plan vacations. A former flight attendant, Gail loved travel and traveled the world into her late 80's. A celebration of Gail's life took place on Friday March 21st at Fairmount Funeral Home.

Janis Mourer, beloved and long-time member of Central Presbyterian Church, passed on Friday March 18th early morning. Janis was involved in numerous service projects through Central and was recognized by receiving the Minor Yasui award for two decades of service to the Central Visitation Program. Janis was briefly married. She had no children but is loved by many family members. Friends at Central say she had a wicked sense of humor, and though not a hugger, her caring character came out in her profession as a nurse and in her volunteer work.

A memorial for Janis will take place next Sunday, March 30th, at 3pm in our sanctuary. All are welcome.

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.

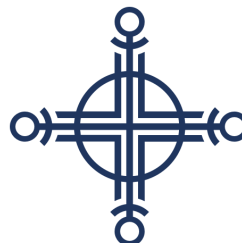
GIVING UP GUN VIOLENCE— LENTEN FAITH FORMATION SERIES East Classroom, 11:45AM

- 3/23 — Guns and Domestic Violence: A Taboo Topic
- 3/30 — Lenten Series class pause — Annual Meeting with lunch
- 4/6 — Guns, Race and Racism
- 4/13 — Unmasking the Powers of Guns and Money leading us to Action: Creating a New World

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 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

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