



# Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 9, 2025 | 10:30AM

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*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

*Spring Antiphon* The Central Presbyterian Bell Choir  
Lisa Phillips, Director

### Welcome

Tim Mooney

### Central Safety Update

Mark Williams

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

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

### Call to Worship

Mark Williams

If we have the eyes to see,

**The trees grow slowly, yet surely, and always toward the Light.**

If we have the ears to hear,

**The erupting birdsong is a concert of praise to the Creator.**

If we have the sense of smell,

**The fragrance of flowers, sweetgrass, and pine is incense pleasing to God.**

If we have the skin to feel,

**We can sense the touch of God in the kindness and compassion of others.**

If we have an open heart,

**It will be flooded with the love of God, the love of neighbor, the love of self, the love of the world. Let us join with the chorus of nature; let us worship God!**

### \*Hymn 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Yahweh, "The Great I Am", maker of all,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, breath of Life, you who prays the deepest prayers within us,

**Have mercy on us.**

**We confess we want life to be easier than it is; we confess that occasionally we ask, "Why me? Why us? Why now?" We forget, O God, that it was the Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness where he was tempted by the devil. We will still ask, "Why me? Why us? Why now?" but help us to also ask, "What am I to learn? How might I be of service to Love?"**

### Silent Confession

### Choral Response

### Assurance of Forgiveness

New every morning is your love, God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world.

**Stir up in us the desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to practicing your Love.**

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

Luke 4:1-13

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

## Sermon

Tim Mooney

*The Temptations of the Heart*

## 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

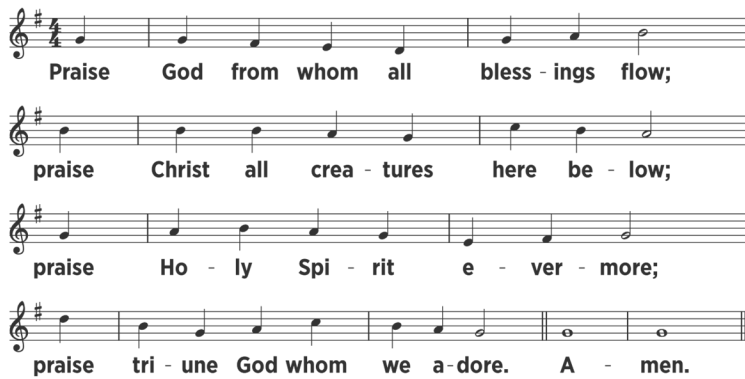
*The Lamb*

arr. Susan E Geschke

The Central Presbyterian Bell Choir  
Ron Covey, Marcie LaPorte, Sam LaPorte,  
Kirsten Schatz, Charis Smith, Leslie Soich

## \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ all creatures here be low;  
praise Holy Spirit ever 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 686

*God of Our Life*

## Charge and Blessing

## Postlude

*How Firm a Foundation*

Robert Keene  
Mallory Bernstein, piano

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## GIVING UP GUN VIOLENCE— LENTEN FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Join Central's Gun Violence Prevention Team for a 6 series class after Worship beginning **TODAY**, March 9, 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? PCUSA has identified gun violence as an important issue to address this decade. We know this topic is uncomfortable, but many of us have already been impacted by gun violence and the rest of us are at risk. Give up your discomfort, and hopefully you will be moved to action on this topic.

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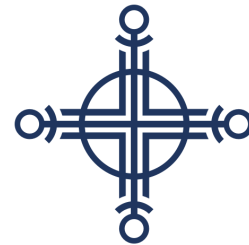
## THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CUBA MISSION TRIP!

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](mailto:schmprim@gmail.com), or 720-314-8797.

Next information Zoom is Monday, March 10th at 7pm.

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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 welcoming all women, meets Thursday afternoon (1:30-3:30), March 13, at the home of Joyce Coville, 17 Polo Field Lane, Denver. Our agenda is simple: friendship building, conversation and refreshments. RSVPs to [fjcoville@gmail.com](mailto:fjcoville@gmail.com) or 303.871.8991.

If you are interested in hosting future get-togethers on second Thursdays, contact Carol Farnsworth [carol.farnsworth@gmail.com](mailto:carol.farnsworth@gmail.com).

### Men's "Night" Out—Note Day/Time Change

For a fun and different outing, our Peter Odgaard will be hosting a **Saturday March 29 - midday** - gathering on the CU Boulder campus! (The students will [still] be away on Spring Break)... Watch here for details re: final location and time; and consider carpooling - either driving or requesting a ride. Peter's contact info is: (310) 541-3401; [peter.odgaard99@gmail.com](mailto:peter.odgaard99@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.

### 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](mailto:charis@centraldenver.com)

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