



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow Charles Gabriel
Matheus Pagliacci, piano

Welcome

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Blessing of the Backpacks

Gathering Music (seated)



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 (based on Psalm 107)

Gina Batali-Brooks

By faith, we come to worship the Living God,

who calls us beyond what we can see.

By faith, we journey forward,

trusting in God's promises.

By faith, we hope for a better world

and live as citizens of God's kingdom, here and now. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 817

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you call us to journey by faith,
but we often want proof instead of trust,
certainty instead of courage,
comfort instead of calling.
We confess how easily we settle for what is,
rather than reaching for what could be.
Forgive us when we fear the unknown
more than we trust your promises.
Renew us with your Spirit,
that we may walk by faith and not by sight,
living as your people of hope.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's love is sure, and God's grace is real. By faith,
we are forgiven and free to walk in hope.

Thanks be to God!

*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!**

First Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Second Reading

Hebrews 11-12, selected verses

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Based on Hebrews 11

We believe in God—
the Creator of all that we see
and all that is yet unseen,
the One who calls us to walk by faith, not by sight.

We believe in Jesus Christ—
whose life shows us the way of courageous love,
who invites us to trust God’s promises
even when the road is unclear,
and who walks beside us every step of the journey.

We believe in the Holy Spirit—
present in our questions and our longings,
speaking through prophets, teachers,
children, and dreamers,
gathering us into a community of grace.

By faith, we inherit a story of hope.
By faith, we bless and are blessed.
By faith, we offer our lives to the God
who is faithful still.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Moment for Mission: Journey With Migrants

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 Prayer David Foster and Carol Bayer Sager
Elizabeth Healy, baritone, Levi Spanarella, soprano
Matheus Pagliacci, 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

...praying as Jesus taught us:

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 326

For All The Saints

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Ain’t-a That Good News

Traditional Spiritual
Matheus Pagliacci, piano

HAPPY 100th TO LEE JOHNSON

Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY** in the Narthex to
celebrate with Lee as she turns 100!! We will honor her
after service with cake and conversation. Don’t miss it!

SAVE THE DATE:

Dinner with Heartbeat Denver

Wednesday, August 20, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Help cook, serve, and dine with our neighbors from
Heartbeat Denver Shelter on Central’s front sidewalk!
Contact Dave Ramsey: dgdaramsey@comcast.net.

Journey with Migrants Fundraiser

Saturday, August 23, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
at Montview Presbyterian Church
Join in this Mission Partnership Fundraiser to support
migrants, immigrants, and refugees with housing and
vital resources. Enjoy wine, snacks, and music; tickets
are \$75. Advance tickets and contributions via link in
eVoice announcement or at the door.



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 | 8:00 a.m.—1:30p.m.
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 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 a.m.—11:45 a.m.
- 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 10:30 a.m.: 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 6:30 p.m.. Sign up at: www.centraldenver.com/contact

The deadline for copy for the bulletin and the eVoice is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Any submissions after this deadline will be featured in the following week's publication.



Ways to Connect

Serendipity Women's Group

August 14, 6:30 p.m.

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, meets 6:30-8:30p.m., Thursday, August 14, at the home of Jean Herman in downtown Denver. Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda. RSVPs to jean.herman@gmail.com or 303.596.4685.

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, 7:00 p.m.

We get together at local breweries to enjoy fellowship and discuss questions of faith. Please contact Charis Smith (charis@centraldenver.com) to be added to the email list for locations.

Women's Bible Study is in recess until the fall.

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