



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 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

Impromptu in G-Flat Major, Op. 90 Franz Schubert
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

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

Catherine Nease

Christ welcomes us—not for what we do,
but because we are loved.

Like Mary, we are called to listen.

Like Martha, we are called to care.

We bring our busy minds, open hearts, and searching souls.

Christ meets us with grace.

Come, let us worship the One who draws close.

We worship with gratitude and hope.

*Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess that we are often restless and distracted. We worry about many things and forget to slow down. We rush past your presence in our longing to be productive. We measure ourselves and others by what we do, instead of resting in who we are—your beloved children.
Forgive us, O God.
Help us to choose what is life-giving.
Help us to listen more deeply, love more freely, and make space for you in our everyday lives.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, hear this good news: God does not wait for us to get everything right. God meets us in the mess and calls us back to peace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We are welcomed. We are made new.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Colossians 1:15-28

Second Reading

Luke 10:38-42

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

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Recognition of Faithful Service

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

Welcome Song

Toni Sullivan

Stella Berv, Maggie Crane, Owen Crane,

Catherine Nease, Don Nease, Jacob Simon-Schatz,

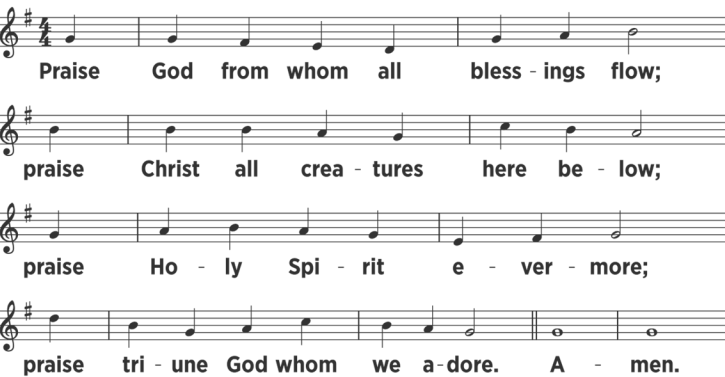
Chuck Stevenson and Miles Trimble

Lisa Phillips and Kirsten Schatz, co-directors

Mallory Bernstein, 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 450

Be Thou My Vision

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisolm

Mallory Bernstein, piano

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join us for Summer Choir! Meet us onstage at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 3 and learn a song to sing together in service at 10:30 a.m. All levels welcome; making music and leading worship together is the goal, not perfection. JOIN US!!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, August 20, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Dinner with Heartbeat Denver

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

Save the Date: Saturday, August 23 at Montview Presbyterian Church: 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Join in this Mission Partnership Fundraiser to support migrants, immigrants, and refugees with housing and vital resources. Enjoy wine, nibbles, and music; tickets are \$75. Advance tickets and contributions via the QR code below 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

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, meets 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14, at the home of Gina Batali-Brooks in the Highlands just west of downtown Denver. Join us for friendship, conversation and refreshments. RSVPs to gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com or 303.246.6743.

Men's Night Out

Thursday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.

Our July Men's Night out will have a special invited guest— our new Pastor Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra. She'll share what she sees and hopes for in our shared future. Hosted by Justin Schultz and Larry Armstrong at Larry's home in the Old Montclair neighborhood near the Lowry Town Center. Please RSVP to Larry@LarryDArmstrong.com 303.875.7808 or Justin Corppsyh@concast.net 303.204.0849.

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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