



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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

Andante Sostenuto

Charles Marie Widor
Douglas Macomber, organ

Welcome

Bill Davis

Gathering Music (seated)

arr. Tom Jennings

***O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure and my crown;
All coldness from my heart remove;
may ev'ry act and thought be love.***

*Call to Worship

Kristin Staudt

What do you seek?

We've come to seek God's presence!

What will you do?

We've come to pray and listen for the Spirit's guidance!

What do you offer?

We've come to offer God praise and worship!

*Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress

Prayer of Confession

In our weary world, filled with selfishness, war, and corruption, we ask you, O Lord, to be the balm of Gilead, to heal the sins of our world. Too often we neglect or abuse the talents and gifts you have given us. Help us Lord to pause and see the ways we can use our positions and gifts to help others and follow the teachings of Christ. Help us to heal and to love. We pray that we will be faithful in all that we do. Whether it be small or large so that the world may know you through our actions. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News: There is a balm in Gilead that heals us and the sins of the world. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response

***Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.***

*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

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Second Reading

Luke 16:1-13

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

Sermon

Bill Davis

Learning the Hard Way

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Belhar Confession

We believe Christ calls us to be disciples.
In forming his people and sending them
into the world,
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings, and to
follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are
called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God’s undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God’s demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Season of Giving Witness

Mary Halpin

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

Wesley

Emma Lou Diemer
Douglas Macomber, organ

***Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

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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 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne
Douglas Macomber, organ

Central welcomes Rev. Bill Davis to the pulpit today.
Bill serves as Senior Director of Theological Education
Funds Development at the Presbyterian Foundation, a
position which raises funds to support PC(USA)
seminaries. He has served in this position since June
2024. Bill is a doctoral student at Austin Presbyterian
Theological Seminary and is always up for a
conversation about music, Bible, and theology.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us as we celebrate the installation of
Rev. Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra during worship on
Sunday, October 26, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome
and refreshments will follow the service to continue
the celebration!



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 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 13 at the home of Celeste Habiger in Littleton, co-hosted by Kris Schwarz. Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda! RSVPs to rchabiger@gmail.com or 832.248.4101.

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

2nd Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

All women are welcome. Please visit centraldenver.com or email charis@centraldenver.com for access to the Zoom link.

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