



Central

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 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

Simple Gifts

arr. Cindy Berry
Mallory Bernstein, piano

Welcome

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

Gathering Music 647

Give Thanks

*Call to Worship

Chris Primus

This season, we've heard stories of hearts and hands at work—

of lives touched, friendships formed, joy multiplied, and God's love flowing through this community.

Like many members of one body, each with a unique gift,

we come together to celebrate what God is doing among us.

We gather in gratitude, ready to offer our gifts, our time, and our love.

We worship the One who makes all things new, who calls us to be God's hands and feet in the city.

*Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, we confess that we sometimes underestimate the power of small acts of love. Forgive us when we doubt that our time, our talents, and our resources can make a difference. Open us to the joy of giving, and help us see how, together, we are part of something greater—a body shaped by your Spirit and called to bless the world.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news: God has made all things new.

We are forgiven, restored, and called to live in community and love.

Your gifts, your presence, and your love join the work of God's kingdom.

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

Isaiah 65:17–25

Second Reading

Romans 12:1–8

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

Sermon *Belonging to God, Together*

Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra

*Affirmation of Faith

*written by two 14-year-old boys
in a workshop on Iona*

**We believe in God
who made the sea and the earth,
the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ
who became human,
who healed the sick,
who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death
and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
who inspired the scriptures,
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone,
old and young, rich and poor,
strong and weak.**

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice,
brothers, sisters, and siblings,
a light for our world. Amen.

The Anthem

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland
Chancel Choir
Mallory Bernstein, piano

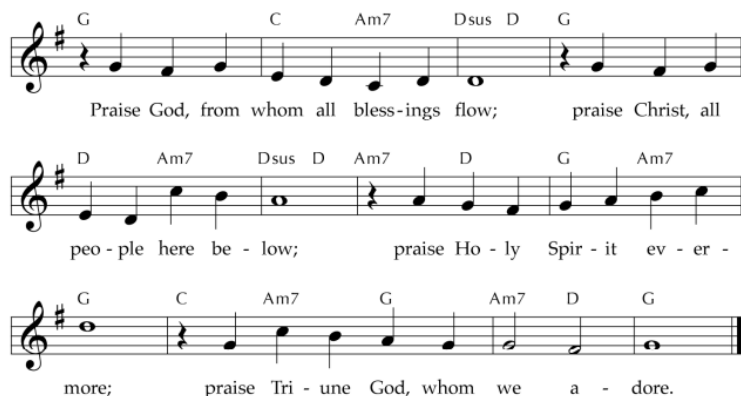
Reception of New Members

We Dedicate Our Offerings and 2026 Pledges to God's Work

Invitation

[Please come forward by the middle aisles and place your offerings, pledges, and green cards with prayer requests in the plates on the Communion Table, returning to your seats by the outside aisles.]

*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you have called us into one body—
many gifts, one Spirit, one hope.

**We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and
trust in your renewing work.**

You are creating a new world, O God—a world where
joy is shared, where peace is planted, where all may
flourish.

**Use what we bring today to build that world of
love and justice.**

Bless every pledge, every gift, every act of faith that
flows from this table.

**May they become instruments of your grace in
this community and beyond..**

Unite us in purpose and joy, so that our lives may tell
of your goodness and hope.

**In all we do, may your Spirit move through us—to
create, to serve, and to love—for the sake of
Christ and the life of the world. Amen.**

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

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Cindy Berry
Mallory Bernstein, piano

TODAY

Join Alfredo Kemm in the East classroom at 11:45 a.m.
for *Embodied Presence—Sacred Belonging*.
See you there!

Advent Food Boxes for Metro Caring

Beginning Sunday, November 23, please pick up an
empty food box decorated for Advent. All boxes
contain an Advent calendar with nourishing foods and
toiletries needed by Metro Caring. Return completed
boxes on Sunday, December 28, or Sunday, January 4.
Our goal is 50 completed boxes. Metro Caring will pick
up and weigh our Advent offerings of nourishment
and health.

The Guadalupe Project

Coming soon to our Narthex...The Giving Tree for
Guadalupe! Peruse and select an ornament with details
of what to purchase for a child accessing services at
The Guadalupe Project. The Giving Tree will be up the
week of December 8.

Palestinian Market

Plan to stay after Worship on Sundays, November 30,
and December 7, to shop in our Narthex. Touch of
Grace supports Palestinian artists and craftsmen that
produce olive wood carvings, wool felt items, glass
ornaments, soaps and bath salts, and Palestinian
cooking seasonings. These and other items will be
available for sale in the Narthex. **Plan to pay with cash
or check.**

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 the second Thursday of each month. Friendship, conversation and refreshments is our agenda. Contact Lynn Winterboer for more information: lynn@winterboer.net or 303.859.6233.

Men's Night Out

December's Men's Night will be on Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Bill and Derek Jones at Derek's home in Central Park. Join us for some early holiday season fellowship! Please RSVP to Derek at derek@feedmedia.com, or by text at 720.232.4061.

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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