

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



First Sunday of Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church! May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.

Please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance from other household groups.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Praise His Greatness”

arr. Mark Hayes

(quoting *Hyfrydol* and *Great Is the Lord*)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of our salvation, for you we wait.

Night and day we pray for your return.

Come and fulfill your promise to us.

Come and deliver your people!

***HYMN 2** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us.
We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin,
as though there were no justice.
We live in fear,
as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O God;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O God!

⁸ Good and upright is the Most High;
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ God leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble God's way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the Most High are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
George Frideric Handel

Recitative: Thus Saith the Lord

Aria: But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?
from: *Messiah*

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, "Yet once a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations. And the desire of all nations shall come: the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple; ev'n the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold! he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

"But who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire."

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Creator and our Savior Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may God so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Creator at the coming of our Savior Jesus with all the saints.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

The offering plate will not be passed. You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord God, our Savior,

our souls magnify your glory...

...when we join our ancestors and descendants
to magnify your name forever.

Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have smiled upon us with favor
and fed us with your tender mercy.

Send us forth to share your light
with those who live in the shadow of death,
and guide our feet in the way of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN 14** Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND
There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son make here Your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*

*You the chosen Holy One,
Have o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Your kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?*

*Brightly does Your manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'er-cloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Variations on ‘Nun komm der Heiden Heiland’”

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

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Take this bulletin with you when you leave.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LiturgistsMichael and Susan Barbour
SoloistKent Bradshaw

In the strength of God the maker
we are going on a journey.
In the friendship of Jesus
we are going on a journey.
In the safeguarding of the Holy Spirit
we are going on a journey.
A star is shining. Angels are busy.
Mary is pregnant. Joseph is packing.
Advent is coming. It's time to go.
May God bless us with hope and wonder as we travel.

~ Ruth Burgess

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.

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