

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Advent

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 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

“Winter” from *The Four Seasons*

II. Largo

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

Antonio Vivaldi

arr. Alan Ridout

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lift up your hearts, people of God,
for God has looked favorably upon us.

God is raising up for us a mighty savior.

God is showing the mercy promised to our ancestors,

Let us prepare the way for love to come among us.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN 4** **Creator of the Stars of Night**

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

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

*Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray You, hear us when we call.*

*When this old world drew on toward night,
You came, but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but a child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.*

*To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God,
in this season of Advent,
we welcome the coming of your light
in a world filled with darkness.**

**We confess to you the ways in which we have added to that darkness
rather than obeyed our call to live as children of the light.**

We ask your forgiveness:

**for times when we worship violence and belittle peace,
for times when we fight amongst ourselves,
for times when we forget that we are all children of God,
for times when we do not stand up for the helpless among us.**

**By your tender mercy,
may the dawn from on high break upon us,
and give light to those of us that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Please stand if you are able to comfortably*

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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

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the one whom you seek will suddenly come to the temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight is coming, says the Most High. ² But who can endure the day of that coming, and who can stand when that one appears?

For the messenger is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ that one will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to God in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God as in the days of old and as in former years.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Michael Spencer, *keyboard and vocals*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
Stephen Schwartz

All Good Gifts

from the musical *Godspell*

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...*

Violin interlude

*We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!
All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..
I really want to thank you Lord!
Thank you for all of your love.
I want to thank you Lord, I want to thank you Lord.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

- ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Sovereign God of Israel,
for God has looked favorably on God’s people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ God has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of God’s servant David,
⁷⁰ as God spoke through the mouth of God’s holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
⁷² Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered God’s holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that God swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve God without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness
before God all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the savior to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to the people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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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

***HYMN 26** Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light ERMUNTRE DICH
There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,
And usher in the morning.
You shepherds, shudder not with fright,
But hear the angel's warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy,
Our confidence and joy shall be;
The power of Satan breaking,
Our peace eternal making.*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Variations on ‘Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus’”

arr. Lani Smith

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Take this bulletin with you when you leave.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Anita Wagner
Soloists..... Michael Spencer and Kent Bradshaw

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek,
but a means by which we arrive at that goal.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from resources
written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing.

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