



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship
January 22, 2023
Rev. Peter Wilkinson

* If you are able, please stand



We invite you to use this portal as a way to let us know you are here and for any joys or concerns you want to share with us.

PRELUDE Twelve Voluntaries and Fugues - Voluntary III (G.F. Handel)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let your light shine!
Let your hearts be glad!
God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.
Then let us worship God.

* **HYMN #33** Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.
We come before you in need of healing:
The healing of our bodies and souls,
The healing of our relationships,
The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.
We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,
Not even the restoration of the whole world.
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,
So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,
As Christ calls us. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Please take this time for personal confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(If you are participating today through Facebook, please register your peace for each other now.)
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also should forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. May we approach your Word today, Holy God, with the reverence and respect it deserves. Let us be intentional in our listening and focused in our minds as we hear your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ⁴One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. ⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The People That Walked in Darkness [from The Messiah] (G.F. Handel) - The Chancel Choir

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Wilkinson

SERMON - I Will Stand before You on the Rock

Rev. Park

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Confession of 1967

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member, in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

In-person and virtual giving opportunities:

- 1) Place offerings in the trays as they are passed
- 2) Online at our Easytithes site -
<https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/centralmontclair>



OFFERTORY Twelve Voluntaries and Fugues - Voluntary I (G.F. Handel)

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

* **HYMN #761** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* **CHARGE/BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Twelve Voluntaries and Fugues - Fugue III (G.F. Handel)

Central's Mission Statement:

“As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of God’s Grace, we are a caring, inclusive congregation that strives to grow in Christian faith, proclaim the Good News, and provide service in ministry to each other, our diverse community, and the world.”

Central Presbyterian Church is a Covenant Network congregation, a community within the Presbyterian Church, USA, that seeks to be inclusive, particularly with regard to welcoming LGBT persons as members and leaders.

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January Birthdays

- 2 Gus Arndt
- 6 Erin Norton
- 10 C.C. Fitzgerald
- 12 Sidney Moulongo
- 13 Lisa Hoyt
 - Roald Mitchell
 - Trevor White
- 17 Meyling Cabezas
- 18 CeCe Mitchell
- 19 Jonathan Ali
- 22 Jane Speer
- 31 Charlotte Worth

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