



Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost
October 27, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



New Roots, Lauren Wright Pittman

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing
The Geneva Bell Choir, Thomas Chafin, Director

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Kate Culver

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.

✠ Call to Worship

Lucy Baum

Inspired by Jeremiah 31:7-9

Sing aloud with gladness:

God is gathering the people!

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;

Those who get lost will find a clear path home.

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

✠ Hymn 275

A Might Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

O God of Grace, you know our hearts, through and through. Sometimes we do the wrong thing, despite our best intentions. And sometimes we do the right thing, but for all the wrong reasons. Have mercy on us, Lord. may we not have received you in vain. When we pray because we desire others' good opinion,

Forgive us, Lord.

When we give our gifts for others' approval,

Forgive us, O God.

When we deny ourselves to get others' admiration,

Forgive us, Merciful One.

When we do unto others as we would have them do unto us, but do not stop to ask what they would have us do,

Forgive us, Spirit of Love.

When we put our privilege first, before ensuring that all of your children have what they need,

Forgive us, Creator of Truth.

Forgive us our sins and trespasses and debts.

Only then can we be your true servants.

Only then will we reach the pure heart of the matter ... (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

**My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!**

Santo, santo, santo.

¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir:

¡Santo eres, Señor!

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.
Please silence your cellphones.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Naomi McQuiller

Prayer for Illumination

Gabby Szymanski

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Lesson

Mark 5:1-20

Rev. Gibson "Nibs" Stroupe

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

✠ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Kate Culver

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Moment for Stewardship

Ann Hunter

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

David Cherwien

Leonardo Barrios & Rodrigo Borges, trumpets, Caleb Randles, horn,
Ryan Black, trombone, Mason Copeland, organ

(Congregation, please join on the fourth verse):

**Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith.**

✠ At the Presentation

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Kate Culver

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
TRADITIONAL PC(USA)

**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.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✦ Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

✦ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Gibson “Nibs” Stroupe

Postlude

Toccata in D
Mason Copeland, organ

J.S. Bach

Special Participants in Today’s Worship

Guest Pastor: The Rev. Gibson “Nibs” Stroupe
Liturgist: Lucy Baum
Lector: Gabby Szymanski
Choir Guild Member: Kathy Kohn
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown
Deacon of the Day: Peg Richards
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

Guest Musicians

Leonardo Barrios, trumpet
Rodrigo Borges, trumpet
Caleb Randles, horn
Ryan Black, trombone

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
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Bettie Hardin
Kathy Harben
Rachel Hull
Mike Sizemore

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